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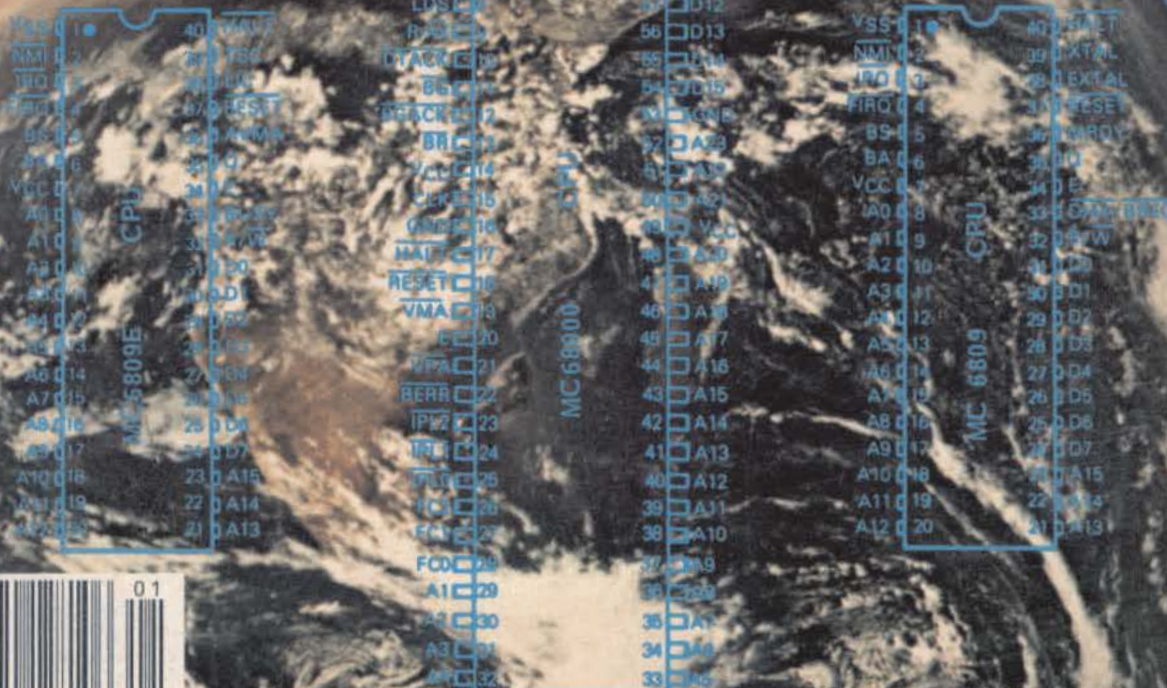
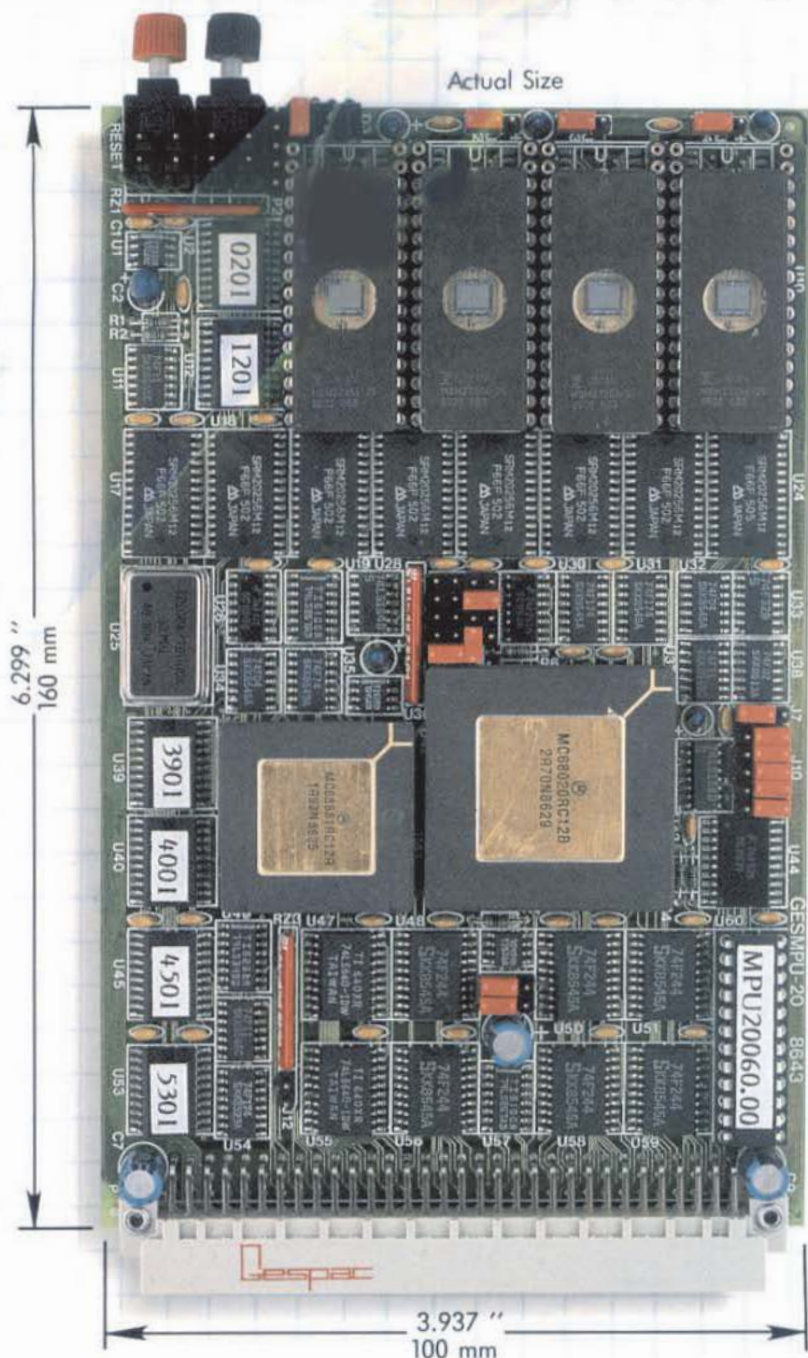


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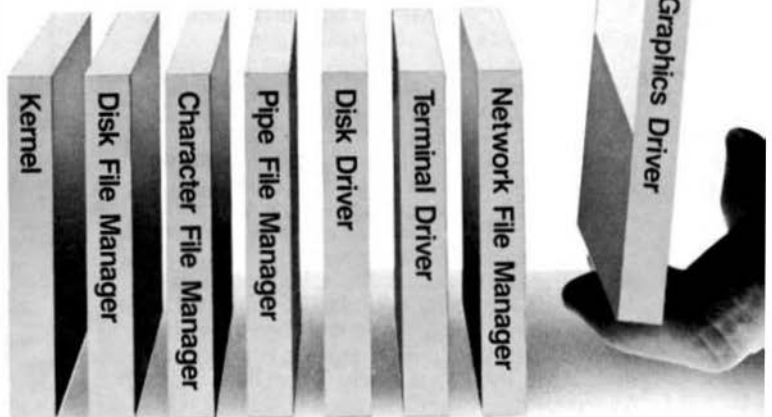
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	32 bit Integer	Register Long
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68000 OS-9 68K 10 Mhz	6.5	4.0
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MUSTANG-020 68020 MC68881 UniFLEX 16 Mhz	1.8	1.22

Main()

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register long i;
for (i=0; i < 9999999; ++i);
    
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Estimated MIPS - MUSTANG-020 - 4.5 MIPS.  
Burnt to 8 - 10 MIPS: Motorola Specs.

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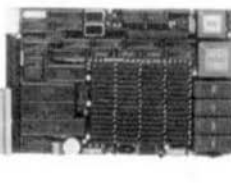
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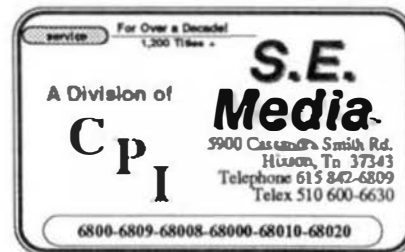
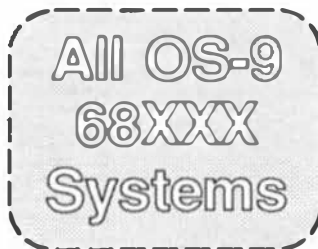
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Seconds 32 bit Register  
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Other 68008 8 Mhz OS-9 68K...18.0...9.0

MUSTANG-08 10 Mhz OS-9 68K...9.8...6.3  
Main()

C Benchmark Loop

```
/* Int i; %
register long i;
for (i=0; i < 999999; ++i);
```



C Compile times: OS-9 68K. Hard Disk  
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# NOTES

## RUSH

I am running out of both time and ideas for this column. I must have it done in a very few days because of my coming trip to Brazil, and yet, I have little in the way of inspiration, since recent days have seen me preparing for the trip rather than computing. The last column was mailed off only a few days ago. Perhaps you will forgive a little rambling rather than missing a column again.

I received a number of letters from readers with more experience with OS-9 than I, completely or partially identifying my problem with OS-9 on the Mustang 68020 system adding a CR to my LF. All those who responded indicated that the problem was with the particular OS-9 system call that was used. Those who are familiar with the "C" compiler all suggested the correct solution, to use the `write()` function rather than the `putchar()` function. My discussion of the problem and my apology to Microware for thinking bad things about the compiler were in the last column so I won't repeat them here.

I was just a little disturbed by one letter from an OS-9 user who said something like (not an exact quote) "*so you have finally moved to an operating system with some REAL capability..*" and went on to discuss how OS-9 could run rings around FLEX. First of all, who said anything about switching? I've added some basic knowledge of OS-9 to my computing repertoire because I want to use a new computer system that happens to use

OS-9. I agree that OS-9 has more capabilities (by far) than FLEX in the area of multi user and multi tasking. If I needed those capabilities, I would of course use OS-9 exclusively. However, I need neither in general. Running two tasks under OS-9 or two users, greatly reduces the advantage of the 68020, which for me is its great improvement in compile time. What impresses me about the Mustang 68020 system is being able to compile a 40 page "C" program in 65 or 70 seconds, using the hard disk and ramdisk capabilities of the system, when I know that the same program would take 15 to 20 minutes to compile on a 2 MHz 6809 system.

Add a second task involving intensive hard disk accesses, and that 65 second compile time slows down by a factor of three or four, and a good deal of the advantage is lost for my applications. In addition, though I am not by any means knocking OS-9, I firmly believe that small and simple equals beauty and elegance. Though I will be using OS-9 on the 68K system for a long time to come, I certainly have no intention of "switching" from FLEX on the 6809 system that is beside me as I write this. I need no more speed than I have available when I edit text files as I am now doing, and since I am the only user of this system, why would I need multi-user capability?

My month long effort at translating PAT from PL/9 to C so I could run it on the 68020 system under OS-9 was simply to provide me with the convenience of using the same editor on both systems. Actually, when I use OS-9 in the single user mode to edit and compile software, I notice little difference externally between it and FLEX.



Speaking of small being beautiful in the context of computer software, I would like to give you some statistics. My editor PAT (pardon my using this as an example again, but it is my only good comparison point for the 6809 and the 68020), is now down to just over 16k of object code in the PL/9 version for the 6809. I did one little trick in which I used some of the program code space (that used for the code to initialize all the variables) as part of the edit buffer, since by the time I load the file to be edited, all the variables are initialized. My buffer is therefore about 29K bytes large again.

The "C" version on the 68020 system is surprisingly only about 22K bytes of code. Remember that the 68020 has longer instructions and more of them, and one would expect that the code size could double when porting or translating software packages from 6809.

To put this into perspective, I have a couple of rather complete screen editors for MS-DOS on the IBM compatibles. They are both over 100K of object code, and one of them is just about 130K! If all the software for the IBM compatibles were larger by this proportion, a 512K system would be able to do about as much as a 56K 6809 system! Those of you who run IBM compatibles know that memory gets used up quickly in those systems, and that a 10 Mbyte hard disk fills fairly quickly as well, particularly if you have some software that manipulates graphics (to be fair, the 6809 systems don't have graphics capabilities at all, of course).

I received a letter from Art Weller not long ago after sending him the chronicles of my code reduction efforts in PAT. He has just bought an IBM compatible and he was chuckling over my efforts to get PAT down to 16K, while he was already wondering if 256K on his new system would be enough to allow him to do very much with it.

### **Burnout?**

It probably won't come as a great surprise to some of you who compute for a living and also for a hobby, that I suffer periodic burnout periods with regard to computing. Several times, I had thought that I was reaching a point where computing would soon cease to be fun for me. After a little change of activity, I've always found a new and interesting project to rekindle my enjoyment of programming again. Some people like to work crossword puzzles or play poker (or solitaire), but I always say that the reason I come back to programming again and again, is that when I have finished a little or a big project, I have something to show for my time.

My wife is an avid embroiderer for the same reason. I'm not a purist, however. When I decide that I simply want to relax for a while, I can kill an evening from supper time until 2 AM sitting in front of the "idiot box" being entertained. Generally when I do that, I don't want to be taught anything, nor do I want to watch anything of "cultural significance". I just want to be entertained by a good movie or two and a good TV series program.

My latest relief from computing has taken the form of having purchased a VCR. I have been recording programs when it has been inconvenient to watch them. In one case, the three networks have competing programs at the same hour. (Simon and Simon, Bill Cosby, and Our World are all on at the same hour on Thursday night here in the Detroit area). I can watch any one and record one of the others for watching an hour later when again, there is nothing to my taste to watch. I have even on occasion decided that the best of all the TV for an evening will be the 2 AM movie, and I will set up the VCR to record it so I can watch it later and enjoy fast-forwarding through the batches of commercials that come frequently on the late, late, late movies. This has provided considerable relaxation and relief from the computing burnout, as has the pursuit of a consulting job that involves assembly of a number of small electronic boxes.

So far, at least, all my burnout experiences have been totally temporary. I have always found a new and interesting project (sometimes two or three at the same time) to bring back the full enjoyment of computing that I first experienced with my little KIM-1 single board computer.

One thing that always renews my interest in computing is the availability of a new compiler for another language. I think I have a pretty complete understanding at this point of the "procedural languages" such as BASIC, Pascal, Fortran, Cobol and "C", though I don't claim to be an expert in all of them by any means. Another type of language has come to the fore recently in the context of "Expert Systems". They are called "Object Oriented" languages. An example of one of these is LISP. I can plead total ignorance of this group of languages since I have never had any of them available nor have I studied programming with them. Though I am not keenly interested in writing expert system software, I am interested in learning enough about object oriented languages to grasp what they are all about, and how they might be useful in relating information to other information. Voila! A new interest to keep me happy computing for a long time again.

## Organizing a Program

In continuation of the running discussion here on programming, I'd like to present some thoughts about keeping a program easy to debug. Beginners at programming tend to write programs as one long "chunk" of code, having been encouraged by BASIC which really makes it hard to have more than a few subroutines. The best way to keep a program simple to debug is to break it down into sub functions such as the short examples presented here the last couple of times. If you have a little function to do such as to convert a hexadecimal byte to two ascii characters, you write a subroutine to do that function. The subroutine is given the byte in some standard manner (in the A accumulator or on the stack, for example) and it converts the byte to the ascii characters and "returns" with the characters in the D accumulator or on the stack. Having written such a function you write another little bit of code to test the subroutine. Send it some hex bytes and print out the results of the conversion. When you are satisfied with that subroutine, you write another to do another function in your program.

A long time ago when memory was at a premium, the main reason for writing a subroutine was to "condense" repetitive functions into a subroutine that could be "called" from several places within a program. A skilled programmer could write a subroutine with multiple entry and exit points and set some "flags" in the program to tell it how to operate on the data passed to it. Such schemes can really "telescope" code. That is, they make it possible for a routine to serve multiple purposes, and reduce the object code considerably. Maybe one of my favorite illustrations is in order here. In the old 6800 instruction set, there is only the capability to increment the X register. There is no simple instruction to add the contents of the B accumulator to X, and no way except by successive increments or storing X in memory and adding a number to it and then loading it again, to increment it by more than one. The following subroutine is entered at any of the labels, which correspond with the action. That is, to add 6 to X one does a JSR or BSR ADD6. This subroutine tucked away somewhere in a program that frequently adds 2 or 4 or 5 to X, can save much much code.

\* SUBROUTINE TO ADD A SMALL VALUE TO X

```
ADD6 INX
ADD5 INX
ADD4 INX
ADD3 INX
ADD2 INX
ADD1 INX
      RTS
```

The main reason for subroutine use, however, is that of breaking the program into small chunks that can be debugged easily. Even if several functions are only needed once in the execution of the program, it is very beneficial to write them as separate subroutines and test them individually. A skilled programmer will write a 50 page program in Pascal (or Assembler) and the "main program" will consist of one page of code that does nothing but call the various procedures or subroutines, passing them the correct parameters.

In the examples of the last two columns, particularly the first of them, I discussed putting local variables on the stack. The use of local variables greatly simplifies the debug of a program. If a subroutine is allowed to modify the contents of global variables "wantonly", one can get into deep trouble with what theoreticians call "side effects". That is, a subroutine designed to do one function can accidentally modify a global variable that is being used by some other portion of the program, thus messing up the operation of the program somewhere far away from the subroutine in question. If input values are passed to a subroutine, local variables used wherever possible to hold the intermediate values calculated by the subroutine, and the final values passed back to the main program to be placed in the proper variables by that main program, one avoids a great number of mysterious bugs in a program.

This approach also of course, allows you to test each subroutine separately. When you finally execute the main program and it doesn't work, chances are that the bug is in that portion of the program. If you work out the main program first, deciding what sub functions you will need, and then implement the subroutines accordingly, you are doing what is called "Top Down Programming". If you decide what subfunctions you will need, and write and test those first, and then write the main program to call them all, you are doing what is called "Bottom Up Programming". Sometimes the process of writing the main program is just a mental exercise. You decide what functions you will need by writing the main program "in your head" and then start to code the subroutines. As you test each subroutine, perhaps you do so by adding a few lines to the main program, and by the time you have finished testing subroutines, the main program is done as well.

I usually like to tackle what I feel will be the most difficult subroutine or function first. After getting the few difficult parts of the program running, it is all down hill from that point on. I describe my approach generally as neither top down or bottom up, but "from the middle out". I suggest you use whatever works for you, and is comfortable, but whatever the order of writing the program, the technique of breaking the problem down into small pieces and solving them one at a time will produce the most results with the least effort. This technique after all, is not so different from the way we tackle other large problems in other fields than computing.

In mathematics, the process of integration is simply defining a large number of little pieces of something, and then summing some property of them, usually their area, to obtain a final result. In engineering, the same approach is used. When I was a teenager, I marveled that anyone could design something as complex as a television set. When I went to engineering school, I learned of course, that a television set consists of a tuner, an intermediate frequency amplifier, a couple of detectors, sync separators, audio amplifier, video amplifier, sweep voltage generators and amplifiers, a high voltage power supply, etc. Any one of those circuits consists of one or more "stages" each containing an active element (transistor or similar device) and a number of other components. Taken one stage at a time, the television set is not an overwhelming design problem. The same holds true in civil engineering and architecture. The big problem is considered one element at a time. It should be no surprise that a computer program is best written by breaking it into a number of smaller sub problems or sub programs.

### Best of All Worlds (For Assembler Programmers)

I have just received preliminary copies of a package that consists of an editor (ED) a debugger (CRACKER) and an assembler (CRASMB). Though I mentioned the above singularly, and presently that is correct, the package will eventually contain "personality modules" for many processors.

Presently, these programs run under OS-9/68K. In my haste in preparation for a vacation, I won't be able to get into them very much until later. However, I have looked at the documentation and I have a few remarks about the package.

First of all, the first processor to have personality modules available is the 6800. The 6809 will follow shortly, and then, as I understand it, the Intel 80 series processors, and eventually the 16 bit processors. *I should mention that this package is the offering of Lloyd I/O and also sold by S.E. MEDIA.* ED is, as I have said, an editor, and the other parts of the package may be run co-resident with ED. CRACKER is a complete debugger package that allows single stepping through assembler code, disassembly, breakpoints, and the whole array of useful debugging facilities. The personality modules for CRACKER will allow it to emulate many different processors. That is, you can edit a source file for a 6800, assemble it with CRASMB, and then run and debug it with CRACKER.

This ought to be a winner package for anyone who develops assembler software for a number of different processors. Imagine writing assembling and testing software for the 6800, 6801, 6809, 6502, and Z80 as well as the newer 16 bit chips all on the same development system, and being able to download the object code to a stand alone EPROM programmer for transfer to your "target" hardware system.

*Add to the above, the capability of a 68020 system, and you can actually debug code for a 6800 faster than on a 6800 system running a 6800 debugger since the 68020 will run about 40 times faster than a 1 MHz 6800 system. The same goes to a great degree for all of the 8 bit processors.*

Well, though I started this column with the indication that I didn't have many ideas for topics, I see that in one evening plus half an hour the next, I have just about an average length column.

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*Editor's Note: I received a copy of Cracker also and it is a well done package. Knowing Frank at Lloyd I/O it's no surprise. Now, if the modules for the other devices come along promptly, it will be just what a lot of folks have called me looking for. Frank has turned out some fine software in the years that I have known him, and S.E. Media is happy to carry his line of software. If anyone knows how to write assembler/disassembler/cross-assembler software, it is certainly Frank. Cracker should be a winner!*

*Also, last time I was in Brazil, 43 years ago, it was certainly an 'eye opener' for a Tennessee country boy. Have fun y'all.*

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This chapter continues the discussion of the proposed ANSI C standard and the discussion of common problem areas in the use of the C language and its libraries.

#### **PROPOSED ANSI C STANDARD**

The proposed ANSI C standard has specified the library in a manner much more precisely and completely than did K & R. For example, K & R did not specify the actions of the toupper and tolower functions on arguments not lower case and upper case, respectively.

UNIX System V (at least as of mid-1986) was used as a model, with the primary change being that several UNIX-specific functions were not included in the minimal standard library.

Definition of the following tokens is assumed in the use of the library, although they are not automatically declared in conforming C compilers (and therefore are not a part of the C language):

size\_t data type of "sizeof"  
NULL null pointer value  
errno int value of error code

Each function in the standard library is associated with one or more header files, each intended to be made a part of any program which calls the function (with an "#include" preprocessing directive). The header files declare sets of related functions and objects, in addition to any additional types and "#define" directives to facilitate their use.

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All external functions and other identifiers in all of the header files, regardless whether they are used in a given program, are reserved. Identifiers beginning with an underscore are reserved for use by the standard library. Thus, no C programs should ever declare a function name beginning with an underscore. Although C programs are allowed to call a function with name beginning with an underscore, such use is implementation-dependent



and decreases portability. The result of passing an improper type or value of an argument to a library function is generally undefined, although many functions handle improper values in an expected manner.

The header files in the standard C library are as follows:

*assert.h* diagnostics  
*ctype.h* character handling  
*limits.h* limits and parameters  
*math.h* mathematics  
*setjmp.h* non-local jumps  
*signal.h* signal handling  
*stdarg.h* variable arguments  
*stdio.h* input/output  
*stdlib.h* general utilities  
*string.h* string handling  
*time.h* date and time

Header files may be included in any order, but must be included before the first reference to any of the functions or other objects defined in them. The user may not legally redefine any of the standard header files by providing alternate files of the same name.

Since any function may be defined in other implementations as a macro, requesting the address of a library function is non-portable. If a function is declared as a macro, each of its arguments will be evaluated exactly one time and its use will be explicitly specified with parentheses, as necessary, so that the method of definition of a library function is transparent for most purposes. If a library function which is implemented as a macro is undefined (with the use of the "#undef" directive), the function of the same name is usually uncovered.

This is important only in some cases in which it is necessary to ensure that a real function exists, such as when a function name is passed to another function. This usage is portable, since no error is generated if a macro name which has not been defined is undefined.

The header file "assert.h" is used in program diagnostics. It defines one macro (assert) and refers to one macro (NDEBUG).

The assert macro acts as if it were a function defined as follows:

```
void assert(int expr);
```

If macro name NDEBUG is defined at the point at which "assert.h" is included, assert has no effect in the program. Otherwise, it evaluates its argument and, if this evaluation produces zero, it writes information about the point of failure to the standard error file and usually calls the abort function.

The header file "ctype.h" declares the "is" functions used for classifying characters and the "to" functions used for mapping characters. The value of each argument must be representable as an unsigned char or must be equal to macro EOF.

Following are these functions:

```
int isalnum(int ch);
    returns non-zero if ch is
    a letter or a decimal digit
int isalpha(int ch);
    returns non-zero if ch is
    a letter
int iscntrl(int ch);
    returns non-zero if ch is
    a control character
int isdigit(int ch);
    returns non-zero if ch is
    a decimal digit
int isgraph(int ch);
    returns non-zero if ch is
    a non-space and printable
int islower(int ch);
    returns non-zero if ch is
    a lower-case letter
int isprint(int ch);
    returns non-zero if ch is
    printable or space
int ispunct(int ch);
    returns non-zero if ch is
    printable but is not a
    space, decimal digit, or letter
int isspace(int ch);
    returns non-zero if ch is
    space, form feed, horizontal
    tab, new line, carriage
    return, or vertical tab
```

```

int isupper(int ch);
    returns non-zero if ch is
    an upper-case letter
int isxdigit(int ch);
    returns non-zero if ch is
    a hexadecimal digit
int tolower(int ch);
    returns ch if ch is not an
    upper case letter, else
    returns the lower case
    letter corresponding to ch
int toupper(int ch);
    returns ch if ch is not a
    lower case letter, else
    returns the upper case
    letter corresponding to ch

```

Note that the `_tolower()` and `_toupper()` functions have been dropped. They were the remnants of the obsolete versions of the corresponding functions which did not check their arguments before converting their case, thus returning unexpected results in some cases.

The header file "limits.h" has already been discussed. It contains a large number of macros defining implementation-defined limits and parameters of the C compiler and standard library being used.

The header file "math.h" defines several mathematical functions and several macros. For all of the functions in this group, if an input argument value is outside the legal range, the `int` `errno` is set to the macro value `EDOM` and the function returns a predefined value. Also, if a result is not representable as a double value, the `int` `errno` is set to the macro value `ERANGE` and the function returns the value of + or - the macro value `HUGE_VAL` on overflow or zero on underflow.

The mathematical functions in the standard C library are as follows:

```

double acos(double x);
    returns arc cosine of x
double asin(double x);
    returns arc sine of x
double atan(double x);
    returns arc tangent of x
double atan2(double y, double x);
    returns arc tangent of y/x
double cos(double x);
    returns cosine of x

```

```

double sin(double x);
    returns sine of x
double tan(double x);
    returns tangent of x
double cosh(double x);
    returns hyperbolic cosine of x
double sinh(double x);
    returns hyperbolic sine of x
double tanh(double x);
    returns hyperbolic tangent of x
double exp(double x);
    returns exponential of x
double frexp(double x, int *exp);
    returns 2 to the power x,
    normalized to [ 5,1 ) or 0,
    and power of 2 in *exp
double ldexp(double x, int exp);
    returns x times
    (2 to the power exp)
double log(double x);
    returns natural logarithm of x
double log10(double x);
    returns base-ten logarithm of x
double modf(double x, double *ip);
    returns fractional part of x
    and integral part in *ip
double pow(double x, double y);
    returns x to power y
double sqrt(double x);
    returns square root of x
int abs(int i);
    returns absolute value of i
double ceil(double x);
    returns smallest integer not
    less than x
double fabs(double x);
    returns absolute value of x
double floor(double x);
    returns largest integer not
    greater than x
double fmod(double x, double y);
    returns remainder of x/y

```

## C PROBLEM

The previous C problem involved an investigation of the implementation dependencies with respect to data type length and alignment considerations. Some typical values of these parameters are as follows:

data type	length	alignment
char	1	1
short int	2, 4	1, 2, 4
int	2, 4	1, 2, 4
long	4	1, 2, 4
float	4	1, 2, 4
double	6, 8	1, 2, 4, 8
char *	2, 3, 4	1, 2, 4
short int *	2, 3, 4	1, 2, 4
int *	2, 4	1, 2, 4
long *	2, 4	1, 2, 4
float *	2, 4	1, 2, 4
double *	2, 4	1, 2, 4

The number of combinations of data lengths and alignments is large, although not all combinations are encountered in current or foreseen implementations. Most implementations use eight-bit char data types and either no alignment requirements or two byte alignment on non-char data types, although some require alignment to the data type length. Moreover, some implementations have multiple pointer lengths.

If the length of a char data type is not eight bits, the lengths and alignments of the longer data types are often unusual when compared with those cases with a char data type of eight bits. Since these computers are often word-oriented, with word lengths not powers of two, the short int, int, long, and float data types are often single words and double data types are often double words, with alignment to single and sometimes double words. The char pointer length (and sometimes short int pointer length) is often longer than the other pointer lengths because of the necessity to address partial words. The value ranges which may be stored in each of the data types will almost certainly be different from the eight-bit-char case.

Regardless of the length of a char data type, the best arrangement is usually to arrange the data types from longest to shortest. This is not always the best arrangement, as alignment characteristics in a given implementation may allow shorter data types to be placed between dissimilar longer data types in spaces which would otherwise be wasted as filler bytes for alignment.

For the next C problem, consider defensive measures which might be used to help ensure portability and efficiency across implementations of compilers conforming to the proposed ANSI C standard. Also consider what minor revisions to the C language might improve the situation with respect to alignment and data type problems.

## EXAMPLE C PROGRAM

Following is this month's example C program; it continues the B+ tree program started in the previous chapter.

```
insertf(a, r, h, v, z)
REF a;
int r, *h;
ITEM *v;
INFO *z;
{
    /* insert u to the right of a->e[r] */
    int i, count;
    REF b;
    char *new();

    if (a->type.leafp.k < LL)
    [ /* insert z on page *a. h = false */
        a->type.leafp.k += 1;
        *h = 0;
        for (i = a->type.leafp.k; i >= r + 2; i--)
        {
            a->type.leafp.d[i].key =
                a->type.leafp.d[i-1].key;
            a->type.leafp.d[i].count =
                a->type.leafp.d[i-1].count;
        }
        a->type.leafp.d[r+1].key = z->key;
        a->type.leafp.d[r+1].count = z->count;
    ]
    else
    { /* page *a is full; split it and
        assign the emerging item to v */
        *h = 1;
        b = (REF)new(sizeof(*b));
        b->page_type = LEAF;
        if (r <= L)
        {
            if (r == L)
            {
                v->key = z->key;
                count = 1;
            }
            else
            {
                v->key = a->type.leafp.d[L].key;
                count = a->type.leafp.d[L].count;
                for (i = L; i >= r + 2; i--)
                {
                    a->type.leafp.d[i].key =
                        a->type.leafp.d[i-1].key;
                    a->type.leafp.d[i].count =
                        a->type.leafp.d[i-1].count;
                }
                a->type.leafp.d[r+1].key = z->key;
            }
        }
    }
```

```

        a->type.leafp.d[r+1].count = z->count;
    }
    b->type.leafp.d[1].key = v->key;
    b->type.leafp.d[1].count = 1;
    for (i = 1; i <= L; i++)
    {
        b->type.leafp.d[i+1].key =
            a->type.leafp.d[i+L].key;
        b->type.leafp.d[i+1].count =
            a->type.leafp.d[i+L].count;
    }
}
else
{ /* insert u in right page */
    r = r - L + 1;
    v->key = a->type.leafp.d[L+1].key;
    for (i = 1; i <= r - 1; i++)
    {
        b->type.leafp.d[i].key =
            a->type.leafp.d[L+i].key;
        b->type.leafp.d[i].count =
            a->type.leafp.d[L+i].count;
    }
    b->type.leafp.d[r].key = z->key;
    b->type.leafp.d[r].count = z->count;
    for (i = r + 1; i <= L + 1; i++)
    {
        b->type.leafp.d[i].key =
            a->type.leafp.d[i+L-1].key;
        b->type.leafp.d[i].count =
            a->type.leafp.d[i+L-1].count;
    }
}
a->type.leafp.k = L;
b->type.leafp.k = L + 1;
v->p = b;
}
}

```

inserti(a, r, h, v, u)

REF a;

int r, \*h;

ITEM \*v, \*u;

```

{
    /* insert u to the right of a->e[r] */
    int i;
    REF b;
    char *new();

    if (a->type.indexp.m < NN)
    { /* insert u on page *a. h = false */
        a->type.indexp.m += 1;
        *h = 0;
        for (i = a->type.indexp.m; i >= r + 2; i--)
        {

```

```

            a->type.indexp.e[i].key =
                a->type.indexp.e[i-1].key;
            a->type.indexp.e[i].p =
                a->type.indexp.e[i-1].p;
        }
        a->type.indexp.e[r+1].key = u->key;
        a->type.indexp.e[r+1].p = u->p;
    }
    else
    { /* page *a is full; split it and
       assign the emerging item to v */
        b = (REF)new(sizeof(*b));
        b->page_type = INDEX;
        if (r <= N)
        {
            if (r == N)
            {
                v->key = u->key;
                v->p = u->p;
            }
            else
            {
                v->key = a->type.indexp.e[N].key;
                v->p = a->type.indexp.e[N].p;
                for (i = N; i >= r + 2; i--)
                {
                    a->type.indexp.e[i].key =
                        a->type.indexp.e[i-1].key;
                    a->type.indexp.e[i].p =
                        a->type.indexp.e[i-1].p;
                }
                a->type.indexp.e[r+1].key = u->key;
                a->type.indexp.e[r+1].p = u->p;
            }
            for (i = 1; i <= N; i++)
            {
                b->type.indexp.e[i].key =
                    a->type.indexp.e[i+N].key;
                b->type.indexp.e[i].p =
                    a->type.indexp.e[i+N].p;
            }
        }
        else
        { /* insert u in right page */
            r = r - N;
            v->key = a->type.indexp.e[N+1].key;
            v->p = a->type.indexp.e[N+1].p;
            for (i = 1; i <= r - 1; i++)
            {
                b->type.indexp.e[i].key =
                    a->type.indexp.e[N+i+1].key;
                b->type.indexp.e[i].p =
                    a->type.indexp.e[N+i+1].p;
            }
            b->type.indexp.e[r].key = u->key;
            b->type.indexp.e[r].p = u->p;
        }
    }
}

```



```

        for (i = r + 1; i <= N; i++)
        {
            b->type.indexp.e[i].key =
                a->type.indexp.e[i+N].key;
            b->type.indexp.e[i].p =
                a->type.indexp.e[i+N].p;
        }
    }
    a->type.indexp.m = N;
    b->type.indexp.m = N;
    b->type.indexp.p0 = v->p;
    v->p = b;
}
}

```

*/\* search and delete key x in b\_tree a; if a page underflow is necessary, balance with adjacent page if possible, otherwise merge; h = "page a is undersize" \*/*

```

delete(x, a, h)
int x;
REF a;
int *h;
{
    int i, k, l, r;
    REF q;

    if (a->page_type == LEAF)
    {
        l = 1;
        r = a->type.leafp.k;
        while (r >= l)
        { /* binary array search */
            k = (l + r) / 2;
            if (x <= a->type.leafp.d[k].key)
                r = k - 1;
            if (x >= a->type.leafp.d[k].key)
                l = k + 1;
        };
        if (l - r > 1)
        { /* found */
            a->type.leafp.k -= 1;
            /* delete key from leaf page */
            *h = a->type.leafp.k < L;
            /* set h if underflow */
            for (i = k; i <= a->type.leafp.k; i++)

```

```

        {
            a->type.leafp.d[i].key =
                a->type.leafp.d[i+1].key;
            a->type.leafp.d[i].count =
                a->type.leafp.d[i+1].count;
        }
    }
    else
    {
        printf("key is not in tree\n");
        *h = 0;
    }
}
else
{
    l = 1;
    r = a->type.indexp.m;
    do
    { /* binary array search */
        k = (l + r) / 2;
        if (x <= a->type.indexp.e[k].key)
            r = k - 1;
        if (x >= a->type.indexp.e[k].key)
            l = k + 1;
    }
    while (r >= l);
    if (l - r > 1)
    { /* found, now delete e[k] */
        q = a->type.indexp.e[k].p;
        delete(x, q, h);
        if (*h)
            underflow(a, q, k, h);
    }
    else
    {
        if (r == 0)
            q = a->type.indexp.p0;
        else
            q = a->type.indexp.e[r].p;
        delete(x, q, h);
        if (*h)
            underflow(a, q, r, h);
    }
}
}
}

```

EOF

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# Basically OS-9

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## RMB

If you are an assembly language programmer, you have certainly used RMB on many occasions. It is a handy item that can also hide details. Traditional assembly language programming has RMB reserving memory for data, hence the name Reserve Memory Bytes. In most OS-9 assembly code the effect is the same, but in a more subtle fashion.

Consider the following declarations:

```
ORG 0
PARAM1 RMB 2
PARAM2 RMB 2
PARAM3 RMB 3
STACK RMB 200
DATASIZE EQU .
```

We reserve 3 - 2 byte areas of memory and a healthy area for the stack to reside. However, the actual memory is specified in the MOD declaration. Our MOD could be something like:

```
MOD ANEND, ANAME, $11, $81, START, DATASIZE
```

The "." above set the DATASIZE to the accumulated RMB's. Actually, a running count is kept. PARAM1 equals 0. PARAM2 equals 2. PARAM3 equals 4. STACK equals 6. And DATASIZE equal 206. The assembler uses the MOD's declaration for memory size. Using the RMB's becomes a shorthand method of assigning consecutive values. Later when writing code the parameters are referenced by their offsets from the pointer to the start of data memory. Usually, register U is the pointer used, so to load D with the value at PARAM2, we enter:

```
LDD U, PARAM2
```

The code generated would interpret this as:

```
LDD U, 2
```

So useful is this method that most items are assigned values in this manner. Many do not even represent data areas, but real values. Take the OS-9 error numbers, they start out:

```
ORG 200
```

```
ESPTHFUL RMB 1 PATH TABLE FULL
ESBPNUM RMB 1 BAD PATH NUMBER
ESPOLL RMB 1 POLLING TABLE FAULT
ESBMODE RMB 1 BAD MODE
ESDEVOF RMB 1 DEVICE TABLE OVERFLOW
```

and so on.

None of these error numbers are areas in memory, but are real values. The RMB turns out to be a very useful way to assign consecutive values to these labels.

Using this shorthand method does require some caution. The Relocatable Macro Assembler from Microware (the same one used in their C Compiler) uses RMB's to allocate memory. With the assembler, data would be allocated with something like:

```
VSECT
PARAM1 RMB 2
ENDSECT
```

Here a 2 byte memory location is reserved. The programmer has no control over the memory allocation. At link time, the memory will be assigned. In the above example, 2 bytes will be reserved in the data area.

To get around this problem, there is the CSECT. A CSECT causes the labels to be assigned values. But the linker does not reserve any memory. A CSECT might appear:

```

CSECT
ORG 0
LABEL1 RMB 2
LABEL2 RMB 1
LABEL3 RMB 2
ENDSECT

```

This part of code would cause LABEL1 to equal 0, LABEL2 equal 2 and LABEL3 equal 3. No memory would be allocated for these labels.

## GETTING INTO OS-9

Part of my job in writing this column is to tear into OS-9. I try to learn what makes it work. Although I spend a lot of time reading the various manuals, much of my research comes out of the files in the DEFS directory. They provide a wealth of information. But sifting through all those RMB's can be a real pain. Most are 1 and 2 bytes with a few specifying 3 and 4. Going through a long list of RMB's and tallying them by hand grows old fast.

I spend a lot of time with the direct page variables used by the system. I sat down with them one night and tallied them by hand. There were 53 in all and it was a good method to learn adding in hex. My OS9DEFS file contained 505 labels. I concluded I was not going to do all of them. There had to be an easier way.

There is! My interests were in the file OS9DEFS. So, I wrote a little program called LABELS.

```

IFP1
USE .../DEFS/OS9DEFS
ENDC
END

```

This is "do nothing" program. I assembled with:

```
ASM LABELS S L M #12K >/P
```

The L tells it to list. The S means include symbols. And the M is for Motorola format (non OS-9). The result was a neat listing of all the labels with their hex values. As a bonus, they were in alphabetical order.

Now, if you want a more detailed listing try this. Copy a temporary file from the one you want. Call it TEMP, perhaps. Edit TEMP and delete all the OPT L and OPT -I lines. Add an END at the last line. And assemble it. You'll have a listing of all the labels, their values and the accompanying comments.

## PUTTING IT TO USE

Once you know where everything is located, you can use your higher level languages. This month's listing is a KBASIC program, I wrote a few months back, when I did the column about the OS-9 devices and how they're attached to the system. I created this program to tabulate the devices, their drivers, buffer memory location, the device type and use count. The program draws from the first page of memory a pointer to the location of the device table. In Level 1 systems, the system and the user share the same 64K of

memory. So everything can be PEEKed. I'll talk about Level II a little later.

Let me explain this month's program. First, we must find the device table pointer. In my system it is at \$0060. This value comes from the label listings made earlier. I don't need to know where the table is located. A DPEEK of D.DEVTBL% sets I% equal to it. Now, all I do is go by 9 byte increments, getting the necessary information and print it in tabulated form.

The subroutine GTDEV gets the location of the driver, descriptor, static storage, file manager and use count. Notice the offsets from I%. These values again come from the OS9DEFS file. They are found under Device Table Format.

MODNAM gets the module's name. At an offset from the start of the module is it's name. This comes from the OS9DEFS again, under Module Field Definitions.

I think you'll find this program shows one way to use the direct page variables and the DEFS' files. Notice that I didn't use any POKES. Although it is quite possible to alter the system, doing so indiscriminately could be extremely fatal. My best advice is to leave things as they are.

I should mention a few things about the KBASIC. The line "/r/kbasic, /r/ks.run" instructs the compiler that it can make temporary files in the directory KBASIC on my RAM disk. The files it uses for compiling are in the directory KS.RUN. When KBASIC runs it changes its working directory frequently. If you don't include this line it will go to its default directories.

Also, this program uses DPEEK to return 2 byte values. Many BASIC's do not have this. They return single byte values with a PEEK. If you were to translate this program into BASIC09, the line:

```

Drive=dpeek(i%)
would become

Drive=PEEK(i)*256+PEEK(i+1)

```

I dropped the "%", since BASIC09 requires you to predeclare the variables as integer values.

Another item worth mentioning is the reverse slashes in the PRINT USING statement. They define a string field. The numbers tucked between the slashes are not printed in the final code. I use them to better see the width of the field. The area between the slashes could have just as easily been left blank. Anything put between them will not be printed.

With the exception of TIMES, which is a pseudo string that returns the time, everything else is fairly straight forward. The constructions used here are similar to those in BASIC09. I think you should have no trouble with it.

## NOW FOR THE OTHER GUY

Level II systems differ from Level I. Level II users each get a 64K chunk of memory. The system gets its own 64K too. So, attempting to PEEK into a memory location in your area will show what's is there, but it isn't the direct page variables. Level II users have to use system calls to look into other areas of memory.

It is easiest to view memory by its extended addresses. This would make available \$00000 to \$FFFFF. Not all systems would have memory at these locations. The amount of memory would depend on how much RAM is available. A typical memory map for the Level II system would appear:

```

$FFFFF -----
                KERNEL AND
                BOOTSTRAP ROM
$FF000 -----
                I/O DEVICES
$FE000 -----
                ADDITIONAL ROMS
                -----
                RAM
$00000 -----

```

There are a number of routines that can be used to access the different memory areas. Memory can be moved using F\$MOVE. Memory can be looked at using calls like F\$LDAXY or F\$LDDXY. Some require the Task number, others the DAT image pointer. A simple way to get information from another area is the F\$CPYMEM. This Level II call copies memory from some area to yours. Entry to the routine requires register D to contain the DAT image pointer, X the offset of the block to begin copy, Y the byte count and U the destination buffer.

A simple call to get the systems direct page would be:

```

LDD #0000 DAT IMAGE
LDX #0000 ZERO OFFSET
LDY #256 THE NUMBER OF BYTES
LDU BUFFER
OS9 F$CPYMEM

```

At the end of the call the buffer will contain 256 bytes of the system's direct page.

Armed with all this information, I am sure you are ready to attack the system. Learn what you can!

#### LISTING

```

*
* Name: DEVICES
* By: Ron Voigts
* Date: 9-SEP-86
* To Compile: KS DEVICES
*
* Devices will return a tabulation of all
* devices attached. It will include the
* device, the manager, and the driver
* Also, the storage location and user count
* This is for a Level I system
*
dir /r/kbasic, /r/ks.run
*

```

```

Main PRINT
PRINT '          LISTING OF ATTACHED DEVICES';
PRINT ' AT ';TIMES
*
The value of D.DevTbl comes from OS9DEFS file
D.DevTbl%=$0060
PRINT 'DEVICE          DRIVER          ';
PRINT 'MANAGER          STORAGE        UC   ';
PRINT '-----';
PRINT '-----';
i%=dpeek(D.DevTbl%)
GOSUB GtDev
WHILE Driv%<>$0000
  Address%=Desc%
  GOSUB ModNam
  PRINT USING '\2345678901234\ ',Nam$;
  Address%=Driv%
  GOSUB ModNam
  PRINT USING '\2345678901234\ ',Nam$;
  Address%=Fmgr%
  GOSUB ModNam
  PRINT USING '\2345678901234\ ',Nam$;
  Storage$=HEX$(Stat%)
  UCS=RIGHT$(HEX$(User'),2)
  PRINT USING '\23\  \ ',Storage$,UCS
  i%=i%+9
  GOSUB GtDev
ENDWHILE
END
*
*
* Returns the device locations
* This is the format of the device table
GtDev Driv%=dpeek(i%)
Stat%=dpeek(i%+2)
Desc%=dpeek(i%+4)
Fmgr%=dpeek(i%+6)
Usrs'=peek(i%+8)
return
*
*
* On entry Address% points to the start of a
* module
* On exit Name$ is the the modules name!
*
ModNam Nam$=""
w%=dpeek(Address%+4)
Nam.Addr%=Address%+w%
N'=peek(Nam.Addr%)
WHILE N'>0
  Nam$=Nam$+CHR$(N')
  Nam.Addr%=Nam.Addr%+1
  N'=peek(Nam.Addr%)
ENDWHILE
Nam$=Nam$+CHR$(N'-128)
RETURN

```

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# Layout Design In Transition

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## INTRODUCTION

Security would not stop him; after all, he was the design manager of the whole plant. And besides, if he was bringing in his television, two dozen donuts and an industrial size coffee pot, then he surely must have a good reason. It was superbowl weekend. His intention was as simple as it was unorthodox - to ease the weekend overtime burden of a handful of very key workers. A year prior to this, these draftsmen, or layout designers as they are called in the semiconductor industry, may have just as easily been found flipping burgers or pumping gas. In that year, they had learned some basic electronics, and some elementary drafting principles. As a result, these designers had become the critical path to the completed design of the most complex 32 bit microprocessor to date. To facilitate matters, the coffee, donuts and the final quarter of the Superbowl were a small price for a great return.

### Layout Design: An Overview

The layout design of an integrated circuit is only one part of the design cycle. The initial phase of this cycle is spent in defining what that integrated circuit will do; this takes approximately six months. Implicitly, there had been some marketing input which indicated a demand for the integrated circuit. The intended customer base may have been a specific company or the general market. Several more months are dedicated to the part specification. And approximately a half of a year will be dedicated to the logic diagram. The logic is the symbolic representation of the functions in the integrated circuit. Depending on the complexity of the part, the initial engineering work can take up to two years.

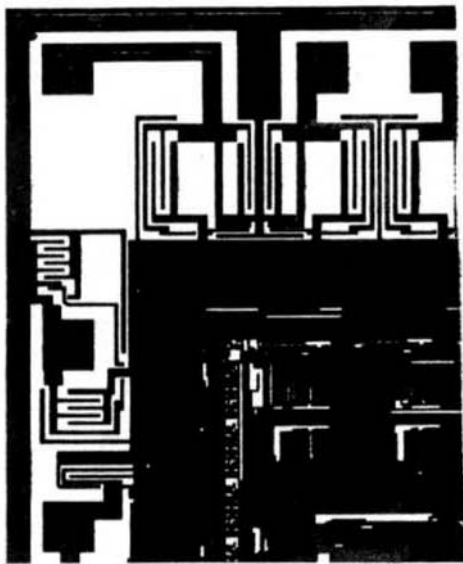
The next phase of the cycle, the layout design, is where the theoretical begins to gel into the practical. On the average the time spent in layout may be nine months to a year. The final phase is the fabrication of the part, and if there are no design problems, this phase can take up to

three months. The lead time is obviously a major concern especially in an industry as dynamic as the semiconductor business. Obsolescence can occur even in the design cycle.

The first phase of the actual layout of the integrated circuit is called "chip planning". This can be thought of as the roadmap of the part. The lead layout designer will interface with the design engineering team to determine the placement of "blocks" of circuitry. Here there are two basic concerns. The first concern is the electrical implications of a block's location. The other criterion is the spatial ramifications of where a block, or functional unit, will be placed. The spatial concerns are important as several integrated circuits will eventually be placed on a silicon wafer; they in turn will be diced into individual integrated circuits. The more efficiently the blocks are arranged on the individual integrated circuit, or chip, the more chips per wafer; this has direct cost saving benefits in the eventual fabrication process. The layout designer is generally more apt to be concerned with the spatial issues, while the design engineering staff will advocate the electrical issues. It is essential that there is strong two-way communication between both respective concerns. Ideally, communication is optimized because the more experienced layout designers will be placed in positions of leadership. Nevertheless, there is still great potential for problems stemming from various subjective factors such as intra-layout power struggles, inter-design power struggles, and unclear methods for conflict resolution.

Once the chip plan is reasonably stabilized, the chip (integrated circuit) is sectioned into manageable areas. These areas are championed by a section leader who may delegate small areas to be laid out, or he may layout areas himself. This layout process requires that the designer be able to convert the logic to schematic, and then he/she must convert from schematic to "drawn" form. This final conversion is performed on gridded

mylar and resembles a composite version of the shapes that will be implanted on to the wafer at different steps in the fabrication process. As an example, the metal layer will be drawn in conjunction with the contact layer, which connects the metal with other layers. Once completed, the drawing will be "digitized" which means that every layer will be hand-traced and every polygon's vertex will be transferred to a computer. Eventually, after several stages of checking, this data will be transferred to a mask making shop. Here glass representations of the layers are produced. Only clear and dark areas are on these masks. The fabrication lines will employ a photolithographic process to the eventual end, an integrated circuit.



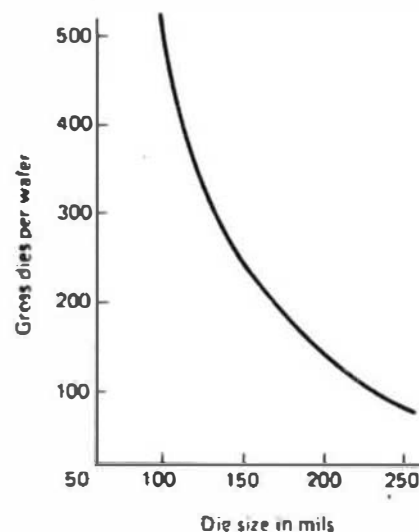
It must be noted in passing that the drawing, which is at a scale many magnitudes larger than the fabricated version, will reflect tolerances from one layer to another - or to itself. These tolerances are called "ground rules" and it is imperative that a layout designer commit these ground rules to memory. There has been a widespread movement to automate this process with the aid of computers. For example, the gridded mylar is now being replaced with computers which display a grid and enable the designer skip the tedious hand-drawing step and directly input the data into the computer.

#### Layout Design: What changes will the future bring?

As with many highly technological occupations, that of the layout designer is constantly in flux. In the past, the lead layout designer was required to act as a liaison between the design engineers and the layout team working

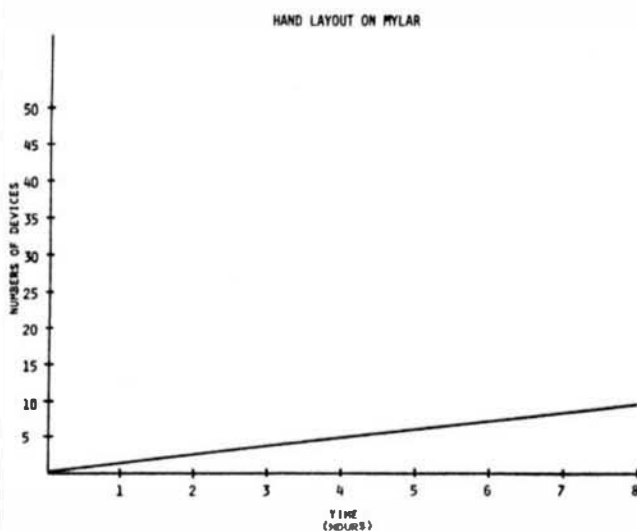
on the chip. Members of the team were hand-picked by the manager of the layout department. The transition from a formalized layout design department, to one where the individual layout designers report directly to design engineering, is a trend that is gaining popularity. One of the key reasons for this transition is the computer. Computer aided design, *C. A. D.*, has accounted for the computer's transition from a storage device to that of an active design tool<sup>2</sup>. The use of a technique called the standard cell approach is one of the key reasons for the more dynamic utilization of the computer. The basic idea behind this concept is that design cycles can be greatly speeded up by modifying generic *drawings* resident on the computer as opposed to re-designing each new piece of logic from scratch. There is an implicit change in philosophy with the acceptance of this new design methodology.

One of the original benefits of hand-drawn layout was the tightly-packed drawings it yielded. The bulk of the concern has since shifted in emphasis to the point where reduced design cycles are top priority. Spatial issues, more a layout concern, take a second priority. Integrated circuits are becoming more complex, more dense, larger in transistor count, and larger in size. Microprocessors, which are in today's personal computers, may be a half inch on a side, or 500 mils square. There is an inverse relationship between die size and the gross die per wafer



Very large scale integration, VLSI, is becoming the standard; here 200,000 or more transistors are packed on the chip<sup>3</sup>. This trend toward complexity would imply a perpetuating future for the layout function. Yet, the complexity also would imply the need for specialized engineering arenas,

arenas which have less empirical underpinnings. It is doubtful that doom is on the horizon for layout designers, yet layout design, as it is presently conceived, will see dramatic shifts of emphasis in the near future. This may imply more of a supporting role for the layout design function, as opposed to an end in itself. This transition is occurring presently; it is being fueled by the gradual acceptance of automated layout techniques. Computers place standard cells, or smaller sections of these cells which are correct by construction as far as the layout tolerances are concerned. For an analysis of the increases in the per hour drawing of transistors (the smallest unit which the individual layout designer draws)



### Verification and the Schedule

Before mask-making and fabrication can occur, verification of the layout must precede. When problems are encountered, the drawings must be reworked. The severity of the problem dictates the amount of rework, nevertheless, all problems impact the schedule in varying degrees. There are three types of verifications that must take place. One of these, design rule (or ground rule) verification, verifies that the spaces between materials are correct. Uncorrected, these types of problems yield direct shorts or other equally disabling situations. The second verification, is a functional verification. Functional verification implies connectivity checks and the verification of layout-to-logic. Correct layout-to-logic signifies that the layout which is drawn exactly corresponds to the logic or function the design engineer intended. This check was formerly done by hand but is now handled by computers. The layout is converted from the database format on the computer to a format where particular signals

can be isolated through Boolean operations. These signals are also on the computer in a format called a netlist. Not only does this automated functional verification imply a reduction in the time that was formerly allotted in the layout design schedule; but it also suggests that the layout, which is verified against the logic through the netlist, can be *created* by the netlist. If this concept came to fruition, it would most certainly imply a change in the layout design function. The third check is that of performance verification. Here measurements such as resistance, capacitance and timing are verified. Presently, the layout design function demonstrates varying degrees of concern with the three types of verification. Naturally, the layout designer would be most interested in the ground rule violations he created. He, however, would be nonchalant about a circuit's timing, which is a subset of the performance verification. It must be noted that the problems that generate the most rework are uncovered in the performance and functional verifications. Dealing with a design rule error is a trivial matter and encroaches on the design schedule very little as compared to a performance problem. For the layout design function to continue to exist given the technological advances mentioned above, the designer must metamorphose from a myopic draftsman to a quasi-engineer.

### Project Management and Layout Design

The design of an integrated circuit can be realistically viewed as a project. To further use operations management terms, layout design can be viewed as a task. The usage of these terms are relative, but the key issue is that the problems of controlling resources is quite applicable to the design function. Likewise, some type of project management must be employed to assist in control aspects, whether it is explicit or implicit. The term "critical path" is used liberally in popular design literature; that does not imply that CPM is the de facto method for the project management of an integrated circuit's design. In fact, some of the major criticisms of CPM are very applicable in the design sphere.

There are some basic assumptions that must be understood before CPM can be successfully adopted as a project management tool. One of these assumptions is that projects can be identified as entities with a clear beginning and ending point. Another assumption is that a project's activity sequence can be specified and networked. A final assumption is that project control should focus on the critical path.

To address the first assumption from the perspective of the design function, it is clear that the design environment is not particularly conducive to a rigidly enforced network of activities. Flexibility is not only desirable, it is a mandatory requirement. The design of an integrated circuit can be likened to a physical representation of a very complex software package. To carry the analogy further, if anything is coded in the software which causes a malfunction, the whole package could be rendered useless. Likewise, such an interdependent relationship exists in the designing of an integrated circuit. Partially functional integrated circuits jeopardize tenuous customer-supplier relationships. Effective project control must fluidly adapt to a changing environment. Unfortunately, this concept does not marry well with CPM as layout tasks and design tasks have a capricious nature which defy any formalized networking.

Project activity sequence may be more predictable in other arenas, but in the design cycle of an integrated circuit, this concept is unreasonable. It is, in fact, quite likely that a design engineer require that a layout designer re-designs the very first piece of logic that he gave him several months prior. It is impossible to network this into a schedule. To some extent, the use of computers in the design phase has had a "double edge sword" effect. While computers have enhanced the verification functions, they have also given designers the ability to manipulate huge quantities of data at periods that may have been formerly considered prohibitively late in the design cycle. The "networking" required in CPM would not integrate smoothly with the dynamic design requirements mentioned above.

The third assumption, that project control should focus on the critical path, is rendered equally as profitless when trying to apply tenets of CPM to the design function. The propensity for change mentioned above, was fueled by a host of inputs to the design cycle. These inputs could be marketing, circuit design, layout design or systems design (systems design inputs can be viewed as those from prototype development). At a first glance an integrated circuit's design may appear to be a series of tasks where the critical path would be readily identifiable. The interdependent and dynamic elements mentioned above makes the critical path a mirage. Change is inevitable, yet good channels of communication

are mandatory if harmful effects on schedules are to be minimized. It must be noted that formalized methods of project control, such as CPM, should not be totally abandoned, just modified to account for the relentless changes.

## Conclusion

Layout design is a task which is in transition. Computers, schedules, and levels of expertise are spawning a re-definition of the layout function and its spot in the design cycle. For the layout designer to adapt he/she will be required to gain familiarity with other support functions. The designer will be less specialized, and have a broader perspective of the design cycle. The designer will become well-versed in the area of CAD, and must become acquainted with hardware and software from all aspects of design, not just those dedicated to the layout task. He/she will be aware of the contingent nature of the design cycle. In lieu of any formalized methodologies for project control, the layout designer must become a communicator who is as versed in the areas of electronics as he/she is in the spatial design of the circuit. By corollary, the educational level of the future layout designer will be on the rise. The future layout design function has the potential to develop from a narrowly-defined supporting task to that of a multi-faceted contributor in an integrated design philosophy.

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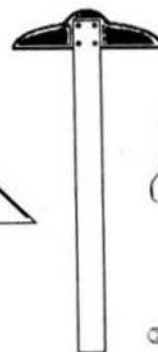
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# BASIC09

## TOOLS



By & From: Ron Volgs

**T**his is a proud moment! I felt tempted to pass out cigars and announce that it has arrived. Well I can't give you a cigar, but I can tell you about it. It is a new software package from SouthEast Media for Basic09. What makes it exciting for me is that I created it!

It is **BASIC09 TOOLS**. The **TOOLS** consist of 21 subroutines for Basic09. 6 were written in C Language and the remainder in assembly. All the routines are compiled down to native machine code which makes them fast and compact. It is perhaps best to show you a list of them.

1. CFILL – fills a string with characters
2. DPEEK – Double peek
3. DPOKE – Double poke
4. FPOS – Current file position
5. FSIZE – File size
6. FTRIM – removes leading spaces from a string
7. GETPR – returns the current process ID
8. GETOPT – gets 32 byte option section
9. GETUSR – gets the user ID
10. GTIME – gets the time
11. INSERT – insert a string into another
12. LOWER – converts a string into lowercase
13. READY – Checks for available input
14. SETPRIOR – changes a process priority
15. SETUSR – changes the user ID
16. SETOPT – set 32 byte option packet
17. STIME – sets the time
18. SPACE – adds spaces to a string
19. SWAP – swaps any two variables
20. SYSCALL – system call
21. UPPER – converts a string to uppercase

In writing these routines, I evaluated what was needed. I checked what was available in other basics. I also looked at other languages like Pascal and C. I examined the system calls to find out what can't be used directly from Basic09. And I looked for ways to make programming life a little easier for Basic09 programmers. The result was the 21 routines above. They handle strings, input/output, file information and access to the OS-9 system. Here is a brief description of a few of them and some examples.

Many Basics contain some variation of SWAP. There is none to be found in Basic09. It is simple and yet very handy. It allows the swapping of any two variables. The only requirement is that they be alike. Now you can write sort routines and easily SWAP records, no matter what their type.

INSERT complements the MID\$ command. MID\$ returns a portion of string. It is usually used in comparisons and extracting parts of a string. INSERT reverses the process. It will take some string and plunk it into another. Try this one.

```
DIM line,name$STRING(60)
DIM pINTEGER
R/LN space$line)
name:="BASIC09 TOOLS"
p:=(LEN(line)-LEN(name))/2
R/LN insert(name,line,p)
```

Poof! The string 'name' will be centered in string 'line'.

Oh, the other call to SPACE fills the line with spaces. It can also be used to pad a line with spaces.

```
RUN space(name,LEN(name))
```

pads the string with spaces to its full length. There is a more generic form called CFILL.

CFILL is short for Character FILL. It repeats a string into another one. This little routine

```
DIM s$STRING[11]
RUN cfill(" ",s)
```

will produce

\*\*\*\*\*

The GETOPT and SETOPT routines get and replace the 32 byte option packet for an open path. Imagine you want to turn off the pause feature for some listing purpose. Normally you would use a line like:

```
SHELL "tmode .1 -pause"
```

You have the overhead of creating a new shell and executing tmode from the commands directory. Or you can get the options packet toggle the pause off and replace it. These two routines can do this for you. Another plus is when your program is ready to exit, it can return the original 32 bytes with SETOPT. Everything will be left unchanged. You can do this and a lot more. The TOOLS package has an example of the PAUSE toggling. You'll find many more uses for it.

READY is another useful routine. It returns the status of a SCF device opened on a path. In the TOOLS package is included an example of how to create a customized version of INKEY. There is an example on the disk. Imagine too! Create a program, use READY to check the keyboard and meanwhile do other things. When you get a TRUE, you know there is input available.

FPOS and FSIZE can come in real handy for file handling. They return the current position and size of a file. The returned value is a REAL number. And there is no need to rewind the file. Everything is taken care of for you.

Perhaps the most powerful one of the TOOLS is SYSCALL. This one lets you pass register information and execute any OS-9 system call. The registers are then passed back. Imagine, you can execute any system call directly from Basic09. This means that if you don't see the tool you need, you can create your own. I give one example on the disk. It shows how to create a directory from Basic09. With this one you can do almost anything the system will let you.

This is only a small sampling of the package. There is a lot more in it. All the routines generate a Basic09 Parameter Error, if you should incorrectly pass the parameters. Errors can be intercepted with ON ERROR GOTO. The routines will generate other errors as they are encountered with the exception of SYSCALL, which returns its errors as part of the B register. All the routines are under 256 bytes, they won't take up a lot of room in memory. And they are all in machine code, which means fast.

BASIC09 TOOLS is available from SOUTHEAST MEDIA. The cost is \$44.95. This includes the source code as well as the tools. As time goes on I will include more examples in the BASICALLY OS-9 column. So if you're a Basic09 programmer, you'll find these TOOLS just what you need.

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# FORTH

## A Tutorial Series

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Most C programs require some keyboard input following a prompt. This is easy to do in C, but not so easy in FORTH. The reason is that FORTH programs originally took their input directly from a disk file or from a remote sensor, and not from the keyboard. As a result, there is no close FORTH equivalent to the C "scanf" standard I/O library function.

Prompting for keyboard input is very easy in FORTH; you only need to use the "." message" structure to display any prompt you could possibly want on the output device. For the moment, I will assume that everyone knows how to do this, and not spend any more time on it.

However, taking the keyboard data is not nearly as simple, especially if you want to be compatible with the three "standard" forms of FORTH. Probably, the most general way to accomplish this is first to accept the data as a common ASCII string and, second, to parse the string in order to fit into the program's input requirements.

### The INPUT\$ Function

The INPUT\$ function is relatively simple, but it does a lot of things. As written here, INPUT\$ must be entered with an address already on the Data Stack. This is done so that the function can be as general as possible; simply enter the address (probably PAD will be the most often used) just before you call INPUT\$. For example:

: NAME CR ." Prompt: " PAD INPUT\$;

The first form of INPUT\$ that I will describe in detail will work with any version of FORTH, but the second form will not work with fig-FORTH, because fig-FORTH lacks the USER variable SPAN. Since we will probably need to know the character count later, we might as well create the variable SPAN now; it does not have to be a user variable.

For all of the usual good reasons, we should also create the constant I-B-L, which stands for Input-Buffer-Length. Incidentally, you may wonder at why I choose very long and descriptive names for my definitions; it is so that there will never be a name clash with another function I may write.

We need several copies of the starting address of the string buffer, and there are several ways to make these copies. My preference is the simplest and most obvious, DUP the pointer until we have enough copies; 2 copies in this case.

I have always believed that initializing a buffer may not be absolutely necessary, but the extra time and code was well worth the cost for the peace of mind that came from the expenditure. Therefore, the next step is to fill the buffer with \$20, <SP>; this uses up one copy of the address pointer. Notice that the key word is spelled BLANKS, which has a different spelling, but the same function, as BLANK in the FORTH-83 version of INPUT\$.

There are 256 bytes in the buffer, but that is entirely arbitrary. I chose 256 because that is the number of bytes in a FLEX disk sector. I seriously doubt that there is any advantage to making the buffer any larger than this, but you certainly could make it smaller, if you needed to conserve the memory. As I stated before, I am

trying to write one general function which can be used in all circumstances without requiring any changes.

Since it is so often necessary to know the length of an ASCII string before it can be manipulated in FORTH, the next line of the definition counts the number of characters. The last character counted is the one which is not a <SP> at the beginning of the string of terminating <SP>'s in the buffer. In other words, all of the characters within the string are counted, including any <SP>'s, but none of the trailing <SP>'s are counted. However, initial <SP>'s are included in the count. If this is confusing, just type in the INPUT\$ function, run it

with various strings, and look at the memory dump. You should then understand the action of the function; in fact, that is a good practice to follow routinely, any time.

The SWAP DROP is necessary because -TRAILING puts both the count and the address on the Data Stack, and we need to DROP the pointer to get rid of it. It is then easy to store the count in SPAN.

As you can see, the FORTH-83 version of INPUT\$ does the same thing as the fig-FORTH version. It is just a shorter definition because of the presence of the SPAN user variable.

#### ~~Number Entry~~

Entering numbers into a FORTH program in response to a prompt is almost as easy as entering an ASCII string, because we can use INPUT\$ as the main part of our definition. This definition is called simply INPUT.

Since one could expect that any number entered in response to a prompt would be used immediately or stored in a convenient variable, I decided that there was no reason not to use PAD for the input buffer for numbers. Therefore, the use of INPUT is somewhat simplified over INPUT\$.

Once the string is safely stored, it can be converted easily by NUMBER. The phrase PAD 1- is necessary because of the "peculiarity" of the NUMBER pointer having to be 1 less than the address of the first byte of the string to be converted. There is a good reason for this, but I will not go into it now.

Notice that there is no difference in INPUT for fig-FORTH or for FORTH-83.

I am a little unhappy with INPUT because there is no automatic error protection built into the definition. Furthermore, there is no easy way to add it later. Any sort of bad input, such as overflow, a sign in the wrong place, etc. will cause the program to crash. That is really not very good practice, but I left it so in order to make the definition a general one and not very complex.

Here is what I meant about making the definition complex by adding error protection. As the definition of INPUT now stands, it can accept input in any practical number base. But, in order to protect INPUT from overflow from too many input digits, the number of ASCII characters would have to be limited to 10 digits in decimal, 8 digits in hexadecimal, or 11 digits in octal. Now, I ask you, how can you write a simple definition to cover just those three likely possibilities?

The alternative to complexity is to leave it as is, and be

careful with your typing. I don't like that, and I would appreciate any suggestions.

There is another point of caution regarding

INPUT, but it is not an error caused by incorrect data. Note must be taken of the fact that the output from INPUT is always a 32-bit number. If you are using INPUT to fetch a 16-bit number, then you must follow it with a DROP. For example, entering 32 in response to INPUT will put 0 32 on the Data Stack, and a following word expecting a 16-bit number will read the 0 and not the 32! Therefore, you must drop the 0 before you ask for the 32.

#### A Special Case

There are times when we only want a single digit as data, as we might if we were making a selection from a short menu. My suggestion is contained in the definition of INPUT1.

The first thing to do is to get the keyboard input and insure that it actually is an ASCII digit. If it is, then we convert the ASCII into binary by subtracting the ASCII value for "0" from the data on the stack. The remainder must be the input number, in binary.

If the input fails the test for an ASCII digit, then it is discarded. RECURSE (also known as MYSELF in fig-FORTH) forces recursion. That is, the function is repeated as many times as necessary to get legitimate input. This also makes it impossible to enter any number of more than one digit.

Once a valid digit is entered, it is duplicated and displayed.

Notice that it is not necessary to press <RETURN> with the INPUT1 function, and the entered digit is a 16-bit integer.

For those of you without a recursion capability, there is another version which uses the BEGIN...UNTIL loop instead.

#### FORTH for the CoCo

##### *A review of COLOR-FORTH from HOYT STEARNS ELECTRONICS*

This version of FORTH is not new and has been reviewed before in 68 MICRO JOURNAL, but not with this viewpoint. Let me say right now that this is an excellent version of fig-FORTH for the Color Computer, but it makes extensive use of the BASIC ROMS, so it cannot be adapted to another computer, and no one should even try to do so.

COLOR-FORTH cannot make use of another operating system, so you don't need 64K, FLEX, SK-DOS, or OS-9. This should make COLOR-FORTH attractive to someone on a tight budget. You don't even need a disk system to get started. It is possible, through built-in definitions, to run strictly with tape; although, tape is in no way

as convenient as disk storage. You can even use a combination of tape and disk storage. This might be useful if you have only one disk drive.

COLOR-FORTH has several words which allow convenient coupling to the BASIC ROMS, so it is relatively easy to make use of the graphics and sound functions already there. However, there are no sound words already defined and only two very primitive graphics words. As a result, you must be prepared to write your own sound and graphics definitions. The means are there, you just have to figure them out on your own.

### **An "enhanced" fig-FORTH**

COLOR-FORTH is a nearly exact rendition of fig-FORTH, with a few concessions made to the facts of CoCo life. The most obvious change is in the use of a 512-byte screen, instead of the conventional 1024-byte FORTH screen. Furthermore, there is a very clever, but somewhat complicated, screen editor which makes program writing about as easy as one could ask for. A disk is limited to 315 screens, or blocks, by the nature of the CoCo disk ROM. However, the number of blocks you can get on a tape is limited only by the length of the tape and your patience.

I had no trouble running a number of programs in fig-FORTH taken directly from "FORTH DIMENSIONS", including the famous and oh-so-convenient CASE structure. I found no problems with any definitions, until I tried to use some fancy manipulations of the pointer addresses CFA, LFA, NFA, etc. This may have been because the programs I was trying to use were originally written for the 8080/Z80, and I did not fully understand the algorithm the author was using. I have run into this problem with other fig-FORTHS, so I doubt that we should really be concerned. I mentioned it simply in the interest of a complete report.

COLOR-FORTH is enhanced by a large number of definitions which belong to the FORTH-79 standard. Therefore, if you keep firmly in mind that COLOR-FORTH is really a fig-FORTH, then you should find it very easy to convert programs written to the FORTH-79 standard. As nearly as I can tell,

there are only 34 essential definitions which have a different name from that used in COLOR-FORTH, or which have to be defined from scratch. The data in TABLE 1 should be all that you need to write the necessary definitions. TABLE 2 lists the needed name changes. Please let me know if I have left something out.

Conversion of FORTH-83 programs is not as easy, because of several philosophical changes made when going from FORTH-79 to FORTH-83. The most notable changes were in the definitions of PICK, ROLL, and DO...LOOP. Actually, all this

really means is that you have to be more careful when you make the conversion. In rare circumstances, you may have to rewrite a DO...LOOP, but this was not necessary in the few cases that I tested.

### **The bad news**

This review would not be complete if I did not report on those things which detract from the value of COLOR-FORTH. Mostly, they revolve around the instruction manual.

The manual does an adequate job of supplying cookbook instructions in loading COLOR-FORTH and transferring it to disk, but, beyond that, it is hardly more than a glossary of most of the defined words, some of which are simply a reprint of the FIG glossary. The tape I received for review has more definitions on it than are described in the manual; this sounds like a bonus, until you try to use the extra words! I still have not figured out a couple of them.

Another complaint about the manual is that I think that it should have more space devoted to the editor. As a general statement, I don't like screen editors as much as I do line editors. Therefore, I was really surprised at how much I liked the editor supplied with COLOR-FORTH. Unfortunately, the user is left with trying to figure out how to use the editor by fumbling around with it. This is not too bad if you have a disk, but it could be so frustrating to a tape user that he might give up in disgust before learning enough about the editor. And, without the editor, there is very little one could do with FORTH.

The last complaint I have about COLOR-FORTH is really not completely fair, in the sense that I have never seen but one FORTH which did a decent job with error messages! All fig-FORTHS that I know of are very terse and limited with explanations for errors; at times, the only error message is simply a "?". This is just not enough! Unfortunately, it is traditional, so most FORTH writers have stuck with it. I don't like it, and I say so to everybody who will listen. Oh well, at least we know where the error is, even if we don't know why.

### **Beginner's Problems**

There is a definite trend now for language vendors to depend on other sources to teach the language that they are selling, and not to make much of any effort to include a tutorial with their own documentation. This is the case with COLOR-FORTH. Personally, I think that the trend has gone too far with everyone, not just with COLOR-FORTH. There is no way that a newcomer to FORTH could learn the language with just the information supplied



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### DATA DICTIONARY

Each file may have one or more record types described. Fields may have a name, heading, type, size, format and validation list. Field type may be chosen from:

- ☐ alphanumeric
- ☐ integer
- ☐ floating point
- ☐ money
- ☐ date

### DATA FILE STRUCTURE

- ☐ Packed, fixed length records
- ☐ Money stored in lowest currency unit
- ☐ Dates stored as integer day numbers

### INDEXING TECHNIQUE

Sculptor maintains a B-tree index for each data file. Program logic allows any numbers of alternative indexes to be coded into one other file.

### INPUT DATA VALIDATION

Input data may be validated at three levels:

- ☐ automatic by field type
- ☐ validation list in data dictionary
- ☐ programmer coded logic

### ARITHMETIC OPERATORS

- ☐ Unary minus
- ☐ Multiplication
- ☐ Division
- ☐ Remainder
- ☐ Addition
- ☐ Subtraction

### RELATIONAL OPERATORS

- ☐ = Equal to
- ☐ < Less than
- ☐ > Greater than
- ☐ < = Less than or equal to
- ☐ > = Greater than or equal to
- ☐ < > Not equal to
- ☐ and Logical and
- ☐ or Logical or
- ☐ contains Contains
- ☐ begins with Begins with

### SPECIAL FEATURES

- ☐ Full date arithmetic
- ☐ Echo suppression for passwords
- ☐ Terminal and printer independence
- ☐ Parameter passing to sub-programs
- ☐ User definable date format

### MAXIMA AND MINIMA

- Minimum key length 1 byte
- Maximum key length 160 bytes
- Minimum record length 3 bytes
- Maximum record length 32767 bytes
- Maximum fields per record 32767
- Maximum records per file 16 million
- Maximum files per program 16
- Maximum open files

### SCREEN-FORM LANGUAGE

- ☐ Programmer defined options and logic
- ☐ Multiple files open in one program
- ☐ Default or programmer processing of exception conditions
- ☐ Powerful verbs for input, display and file access
- ☐ Simultaneous display of multiple records
- ☐ Facility to call sub-programs and operating system commands
- ☐ Conditional statements
- ☐ Subroutines
- ☐ Independent of terminal type

### PROGRAMS

- ☐ Define record layout
- ☐ Create new indexed file
- ☐ Generate standard screen form program
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OS9/68K	-----	-----	-----	\$432

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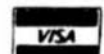
**LSORT** from S.E. Media - A SORT/MERGE package for OS-9 (Level I & II only). Sorts records with fixed lengths or variable lengths. Allows for either ascending or descending sort. Sorting can be done in either ASCII sequence or alternate collating sequence. Right, left or no justification of data fields available. LSORT includes a full set of comments and errors messages.

OS-9 \$85.00

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X-TALK Complete (cable, 2 disks) \$99.95

X-TALK Software (2 disks only) \$69.95

X-TALK with C-MODEM Source \$149.95

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U - \$299.99

## ASSEMBLERS

**ASTRUK09** from S.E. Media -- A "Structured Assembler for the 6809" which requires the TSC Macro Assembler.

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**MACE**, by Graham Trott from Windrush Micro Systems -- Co-Resident Editor and Assembler; fast interactive A.L. Programming for small to medium-sized Programs.

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Disk Set (2) - F & CCF & OS9 (C version) - \$69.95  
OS-9 68K000 complete with Source - \$79.95

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OS-9 68K Version \$229.00

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within the package. One must buy at least one book, or acquire the equivalent help somewhere else, in order to make even the most minimal use of COLOR-FORTH. Surely, some compromise can be found in order to give more help to beginners within the language package.

So, what can a beginner do to learn enough FORTH to enjoy using it? One certainly cannot learn to use FORTH without some help, and probably books are the only source open to everyone. Leo Brodie's "Starting FORTH" is usually the one recommended, but it has some problems which make it very confusing for some beginners. Unfortunately, the local book store or the library usually do not have a very good selection of FORTH books, so it is hard to examine a book before purchase. I hope to review some of the FORTH books, especially those intended for beginners, but I can't do that here. In any case, "Starting FORTH" is OK for learning to use COLOR-FORTH.

The best alternative for the beginner is to contact the *FORTH Interest Group, P. O. Box 8231, San Jose, CA 95155*. They can supply information on a local FORTH group which would be very pleased to help the beginner get started.

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( ..... )
( fig-FORTH version of INPUTS )
( ..... )

256 CONSTANT I-B-L      ( Input-Buffer-Length )
0 VARIABLE SPAN          ( number of characters input )

: INPUTS ( adr -- )
  DUP DUP                ( make extra copies of "adr" )
  I-B-L BLANKS           ( clear buffer to all <SP> )
  I-B-L EXPECT           ( fetch up to bfr. length of chars )
  I-B-L -TRAILING        ( count number of characters )
  SWAP DROP SPAN ! ;    ( store count & clean up Data Stk. )

( ..... )
( FORTH-83 version of INPUTS )
( ..... )

256 CONSTANT I-B-L      ( Input-Buffer-Length )

: INPUTS ( adr --- )
  DUP                    ( make extra copy of "adr" )
  256 BLANK              ( clear buffer to all <SP> )
  I-B-L EXPECT ;         ( fetch up to bfr. length of chars )

( ..... )

: INPUT ( -- d )
  PAD INPUTS             ( fetch the input into the buffer )
  PAD 1- NUMBER ;        ( convert the string into a number )

( ..... )
( Recursion required )
( ..... )

: INPUT1 ( -- n )
  KEY                    ( fetch an ASCII char. from keybrd )
  DUP 7ISDIGIT           ( be sure it is a number )
  IF                     ( it is a number )
    ASCII 0 -            ( convert to digit by subtraction )
  ELSE                   ( not a number )
    DROP                 ( reject invalid input )
    FALSE THEN           ( force a new input )
  UNTIL ;
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DROP      ( reject invalid input )
RECURSE THEN ; ( force a proper input )

( ..... )
( Recursion not required )
( ..... )
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: INPUT1 ( -- n )
  BEGIN
  KEY      ( fetch an ASCII char. from keybrd )
  DUP 7ISDIGIT ( be sure it is a number )
  IF      ( it is a number )
    ASCII 0 - ( convert to digit by subtraction )
  TRUE    ( flag to exit loop )
  ELSE    ( not a number )
    DROP  ( reject invalid input )
    FALSE THEN ( force a new input )
  UNTIL ;
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#### FORTH-79

#### COLOR-FORTH

VARIABLE	: VARIABLE 0 VARIABLE ;
2!	: 2! DUP >R ! R> 2+ ! ;
2@	: 2@ DUP >R 2+ @ R> ! ;
2CONSTANT	: 2CONSTANT <BUILDS , , DOES> 2@ ;
2OVER	: 2OVER 4 PICK 4 PICK ;
2VARIABLE	: 2VARIABLE VARIABLE 0 , ;
CONVERT	: CONVERT BEGIN 1+ DUP >R C@ BASE @ DIGIT WHILE SWAP BASE @ UM* DROP ROT BASE @ UM* D+ DPL @ 1+ IF 1 DPL +! ENDDIF R> REPEAT R> ;
D-	: D- D- MINUS D+ ;
D0=	: D0= OR 0= ;
D<	: D< 3 ROLL 2DUP = IF 2DROP < IF 1 ELSE 0 ENDDIF ELSE > IF 2DROP 1 ELSE 2DROP 0 ENDDIF ENDDIF ;
D=	: D= D- D0= ;
DEPTH	: DEPTH SP@ S0 @ SWAP - 2/ ;
DNAX	: DNAX 2 PICK 2 PICK 2 PICK 2 PICK D< IF 2SWAP 2DROP ELSE 2DROP ENDDIF ;
DNIN	: DNIN 2 PICK 2 PICK 2 PICK 2 PICK D< IF 2DROP ELSE 2SWAP 2DROP ENDDIF ;
DU<	: DU< 2 ROLL 2DUP = IF 2DROP D< IF 1 ELSE 0 ENDDIF ELSE SWAP U< IF 2DROP 1 ELSE 2DROP 0 ENDDIF ENDDIF
EXPECT	: EXPECT DROP QKEY ;
NOT	: NOT IF 0 ELSE 1 ENDDIF ;
U,R	: U,R 0 SWAP D,R ;
U/MOD	not practical in high-level
WORD	: WORD WORD HERE ;

TABLE 1: Additions to COLOR-FORTH to permit compiling FORTH-79  
(Some definitions were taken from "F79", written by M. M. Federici).

#### FORTH-79

#### COLOR-FORTH

>IN	IN
7DUP	-DUP
ABORT"	ABORT (not exactly equivalent; no string)
BLANK	BLANKS
MOVE	MOVE
MOVE>	MOVE
DNEGATE	DNIMUS
EXIT	:S
LAST	LATEST
NEGATE	MINUS
R@	R
THEN	ENDIF
WIPE	CLEAR
[']	'

TABLE 2: Name changes to COLOR-FORTH to permit compiling FORTH-79

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## The Macintosh™ Section

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**Mac-Watch**

A Staff Review

## M.U.D. & CheapPaint

Recently we have been receiving more and more Mac stuff to review. I guess that they are beginning to realize that because of our 68XXX following we *do* have a pretty large and loyal Macintosh following. After all, why not? With access to the many recent additions of development software for the Mac, we hit closer and closer to that target, as well as our other 68XXX readers. We welcome input directed toward any 68XXX system. And the Mac is certainly in that class.

This month we will look at several items. One a game. Yep, a game. But such a good one, so everyone around here tells me, that I have decided to tell you about it. It is called *MAZE WARS+*.

Maze Wars+ is one of the earlier arcade type games. Originally (and still is) found on many BB's in several versions. The first version was an experiment at the NASA Ames Research Center in the early 70's. Later ported to the IMLAC vector terminals at M.I.T. running on a PDP-10 with the ITS operating system. Since then Maze Wars has gone through many variations. This version is the latest and the most exciting version yet. Maze Wars+ is a commercial, souped up version. The graphics are good and the action is keen and swift.

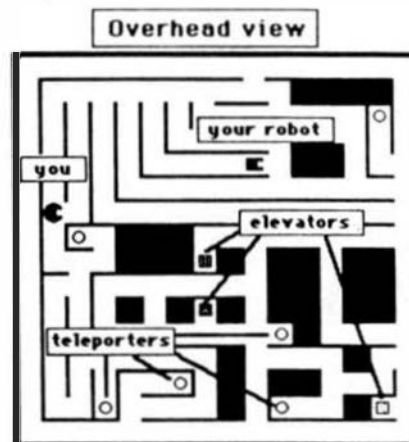
Many players play Maze Wars+ via modem, usually at 1200 or 2400 baud. In fact, on some AppleTalk networks, over 30 opponents match wits at the same time. Or if you don't want to

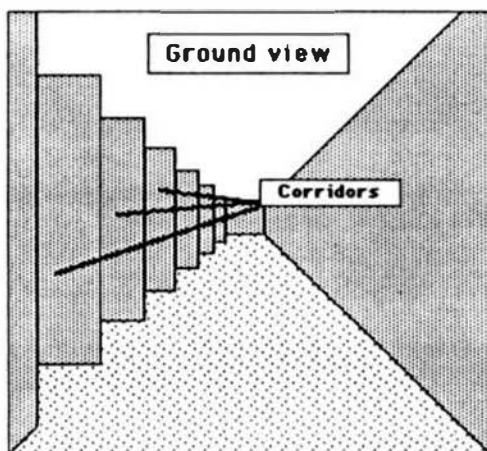
pop for the network cost or don't have someone locally to match skills against, then play it solo against one or two interactive robots. That's the way it is done around here. With four levels, several play options and some robot sidekicks, thing can really get going.

Maze Wars+ is so popular that it has a "hide it from the boss" mode. In the hide it mode you press the proper keys and it immediately changes the screen to one that seems very business like. That is if you saved a screen just for that purpose. The deal is that you use the - command-shift-3 - keys, on one of your more business (or school) like screens. Then when you go into the 'hide mode' your screen displays the 'snapshot' you saved, which should always be on your disk.

Basically Maze Wars+ is a game where you and your robot sidekicks battle opponents in a four level maze. You go in and out of halls, rooms, up and down elevators, into and out of telephone (teleporter) booths and lots of other places that can be full of surprises.

The screen has two primary views, ground view and overhead view. (see inset)





There is no way, in the space allotted that I can tell you all there is about Maze Wars+. The action is fast, exciting and above all...fun! If you like games, this one is for you. That I can tell you, for sure!

The other package we received is called M.U.D., which I assume stands for - Music, Utilities and Desk Accessories (DA). MUD was not too well documented, but sufficient for most users.

The set of programs are as follows:

#### 1. Desk Accessories

a. Trails - this is a DA that allows the weary mind to stop and doddle on the screen. Well, not actually, the computer doddles on the screen, in a kaleidoscopic manner, what you originally doddled on the screen. You have a paint brush pointer with sizes from small to pretty large (I'm too lazy to count the screen pixels), ranging in size from 1X1 to 16X16.

A buffer menu allows various size buffers, which determine how long your doodle runs. Also, for those weary inspiration doodles, there is a repeat selection. And when you want to try another just select clear.

Combining different selections can keep your screen twirling and flashing like, gosh, I really don't know, but it is a nice *break from pounding the keys* when the noodle also seems to doodle.

b. Art Grabber+ is a pretty useful utility (DA). It greatly speed up the selecting and transfer of images between documents. No opening, selecting, closing, and then opening up your original file, to get an image onto the Clipboard. Because it is a DA you can call it anytime.

It has options to Open a MacPaint document, display the current Clipboard, grab a MacPaint image, up to the entire page depending on how much memory your system has (512K gets the whole page).

For those of you who do a lot of MacPaint projects and then import them to other applications, this is well worth the price of the entire package.

c. Cheap Paint is a lot like MacPaint (fat bits, paint brushes, pencil, eraser, text, rectangles, ovals, lines, flip-flop, paint bucket, patterns, etc.), except it is a DA. So you can use it within most applications, without having to close.

Cheap Paint has most all the MacPaint tools, plus you can have more than one project going at a time. Pages (or windows) are called Easels. You can have several easels open at the same time. They are used just like any other window.

Also, you can switch scrapbooks, even if they are on another disk. And in most applications you can leave CheapPaint open while working on your application.

Again, this one is worth the price of the whole package, especially if you are a paint fan.

#### 2. Other programs

a. Music>Video - enables the user to compose one voice melodies with MusicWorks, and play them within VideoWorks.

b. VideoWorks Player - allows viewing a series of VideoWorks movies in sequence, without having to have a copy of VideoWorks (not supplied).

c. MusicWorks JukeBox - allows you to play through your Mac's sound system a series of music selections, without having a copy of MusicWorks.

d. Additional VideoWorks and MusicWorks selections.

All in all a fun package, with a serious side, and well worth the price. A little something for just about everyone.

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# Bit-Bucket



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Dear Don,

For our phone conversation, here is the letter for the Bit Bucket. As I told you, I recently replaced the 'boards' of an old CRT terminal with Digital Research Computer's ZRT-80 terminal board. This board works fine if you happen to have an old terminal with a good monitor and keyboard and you wish to update it. The ZRT-80 will pretend to be a Heath H-19, or an ADM-8A, or a couple of others. It uses a Z-80 with a 6845 CRT controller and, I think, it is a pretty good buy at about \$80. The only thing about the ZRT-80 that disappointed me was its character set. Maybe I am just spoiled by the typewriter like quality of the PC's and clones.

Showing me as you do, you will not be surprised to find that I set about to see what could be done to improve the character set. I have learned more that I ever intended to know about character generators but have managed to duplicate the PC character set as closely as is possible within the limitations posed by the 720 dot character matrix used by the ZRT-80 (the PC's use an 816 dot matrix). I have kept the ZRT-80 (H-19) graphics characters and replaced everything else. I was extremely surprised and pleased with the end result. The readability of the screen is improved dramatically (Tony says she can now read the it without her glasses, which she could not do before). In the reverse video mode, it almost equals a typewriter page for print quality. The sharpness and clarity of the character display must be seen to be appreciated!

If anyone wants one of these character generators, I am making it available on ZRT-80PC for direct replacement in the ZRT-80. While I have been talking only in terms of the ZRT-80, this character generator should work in any terminal that uses the 6845 CRT controller with a 720 character generator and a 720 dot character matrix. If anyone wants this character generator, send me \$15 (cash, check, or money order) and I will ship one out the next day.

I have also done an 816 dot matrix character generator which should equal the display quality of the PC's but I have been unable to get the ZRT-80 into the proper mode to use the 816 matrix. If someone can tell me how to get the ZRT-80 into the proper mode to use an 816 matrix, I will gladly send them a free character generator. If there is enough interest, I will get both the improved 720 and the 816 generators into a 1923 and make that available also. That way, anyone with a ZRT-80 who wants it can have display quality equal to that of the best PC's.

Since we talked on the phone, I have acquired a few 110 A.T.&T. MAC-6 microprocessor chips. From what I have been able to find out about the MAC-6, it is the most advanced 6 bit microprocessor ever. Also, it was designed with the C language in mind. I would very much like to build a small system around one of these chips for experimentation, but unfortunately have no hardware or software data at all on the MAC-6. If any of your readers have any information on the MAC-6, I would greatly appreciate it if they would contact me IMMEDIATELY!!!!

73's and all the best to you and Joyce.

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Press release: Spellswell Adds Words, More and Jazz; Dictionary increased to 93,000 words.

November 10, 1986 - Monterey, California - Greene, Johnson Inc., today announced an upgrade of Spellswell, their popular Macintosh spell checking and proofreading program. Spellswell Version 1.3 now scans documents created with Microsoft Works, Lotus Jazz and Living Videotext More.

Version 1.3 includes a 93,000 word dictionary upgrade.

Spellswell also scans documents created with Apple's MacWrite, Microsoft Word, Living Videotext's ThinkTank, as well as any 'text-only' document.

The suggested retail price of Spellswell Version 1.3 is \$74.95. Greene, Johnson Inc. is offering a special introductory price of \$59.95 until January 1, 1987.

According to company president Michael Greene, Spellswell Version 1.3 has the following added features:

- The dictionary has been upgraded to 93,000 words.
- It now scans documents created with Living Videotext's More, Lotus Jazz and Microsoft Works. This is in addition to scanning MacWrite, Word, ThinkTank and Text documents.
- Spellswell Version 1.3 has expanded proofreading capabilities, including checking for double word mistakes, like "the the".
- The speed has been greatly improved. Version 1.3 uses the Macintosh's memory more effectively to reduce the amount of disk access.
- Spellswell Version 1.3 remembers the user's "short cut" option settings.

According to reviews in MacUser, The Macintosh Journal, Nibble Mac, Semaphore Signal, InfoWorld, and many other well regarded publications, Spellswell is the highest rated spelling checker for the Macintosh.

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Dear Larry:

The following information may be of help to some readers of the 68 Micro Journal who are also owners of Okidata Microline 830 and similar printers using half inch ribbon. It appears that my 830 printer uses only the top half of the ribbon, and thus it is possible to reverse the ribbon, and use the bottom half to get even more mileage out of them. I became aware of this only recently and do not recall reading anything about this in the 68 Micro Journal.

Another item I was not aware of until a recent trip to our local stationery, was the existence of Bull's Strike Black Film Ribbons. I bought one just to experiment with, and it appears to give a nice, sharp, and black impression - not as sandy as a new nylon ribbon, as you can tell from this letter. How long they stay black I do not know yet. This depends on the quality of the film, and the coating, which appear to be quite substantial. Anyone who should like to try these can write to:

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and order OKIDATA Bull's Strike Black Film Ribbons, cat. 88124-73. The cost for one ribbon is \$3.73, and quantity discounts are available, namely 10% for 6 ribbons, and 20% for 12 ribbons. When threading these ribbons into your printer be sure that the shiny side faces the print head, and the dull, side with the carbon coating, faces the paper.

Incidentally, Bulls Bros. also carry the standard nylon ribbons for the Okidata Microline 830, as well as a selection of ribbons for other printers.

Yours truly,

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The bulletin board is available free to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with any terminal and modem by dialing 512-440-2725.



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## CORPORATE NEWS

**UnifLEX OPERATING SYSTEM NOW  
SUPPORTED ON FORCE COMPUTER'S VMEbus CPU BOARDS**

LOS GATOS, CA, August 23, 1986 — Force Computers, headquartered here, and Technical Systems Consultants, located in Chapel Hill, NC., have agreed to port TSC's powerful UNIX-like UnifLEX® operating system to Force's zero-wait-state VME CPU boards. Performance-hungry real-time applications will be the beneficiary of this agreement.

The agreement makes one of the most flexible real-time operating systems with the highest performance VME CPU engine based on processors in the 68000 family. It supports customers who have independently melded TSC's software and Force Computer's hardware in their own products. Cross support between Force and TSC is expected to stimulate new applications and attract new customers.

"It's an excellent arrangement where UNIX compatibility and real-time performance are mandatory," said Wayne Fischer, Force Computer's Director of Marketing. "UnifLEX is a superbly streamlined assembly language implementation of feature-rich UNIX. Ported to full 32 bit engine like Force Computer's CPU-21A, the result is a 20MHz zero-wait-state system that'll support true real-time and time sharing processing while offering the UNIX-style environment for applications software."

"The concept of UnifLEX — a UNIX-like command and file structure in an incredibly fast implementation — is a natural for use with Force's VMEbus engines," said Randy Lewis, Applications Manager for Force Computers. "The agreement will fine-tune the code to the hardware, making system integration a

very user-friendly task," Lewis added that UnifLEX was developed strictly for processors in the 68000 family. "As speeds improve, UnifLEX will continue to take advantage of the increased performance" he said.

### Features Distinguish UnifLEX

User-friendly and easy to learn, UnifLEX is a multi-user operating system supporting multiple prioritized real-time tasks, interprocessor communications, semaphores, hierarchical files, and device independent I/O. UnifLEX provides virtually all UNIX capabilities, such as multi-user time-sharing and resource sharing applications. Its language support includes C, FORTRAN and BASIC compilers, interpreters and assemblers. Utilities such as editors, test processors and file spoolers are available. Also supported are third party languages including LISP, Prolog and Modula-2.

The latest version of the C compiler is optimized to the 68020 instruction set and 68881 Floating Point CoProcessor interface. The FORTRAN compiler fully supports the 68881 FPCP.

At the software development level, UnifLEX® source application code is easily portable between 68000, 68010 and 68010 processors and various VME CPU boards.

### Force CPU Availability

The most powerful arrangement is UnifLEX on Force's CPU-20/21 board. This series is based on the 68020 processor and runs with no wait states at either 12.5, 16.7 or 20MHz out of 0.5 to 4MB of local memory.

In addition to the CPU-20/21 series, Force manufactures six others based on the 68000 and 68010; these boards offer a system memory range of 128K to 1MB. Four CPU boards run with no wait states, allowing maximum CPU performance.

### Price and Availability

UnifLEX kernels on ROM are available immediately for use with Force's CPU-3 and CPU-20/21 series. UnifLEX for other CPUs in the Force family are available on a special order basis. A large quantity license agreement can be written with fees starting at \$99/year. A single-user license is \$800.

### About Force Computers

The leading independent designer and manufacturer of VMEbus products, Force is now in its fifth year of operation. The company has completed 14 consecutive quarters of profitable operation. Force is headquartered in Los Gatos, California with subsidiaries in West Germany, France and the United Kingdom. Sales, service and product support are provided on a worldwide basis.

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# Simple Winchester

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\* ROUTINE TO WRITE OUT A SECTOR TO DISK

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8004 30 08 WRITEC FMSB DP SAVE DIRECT PAGE
8005 17 7775 LMSB FMSB THIS SECTOR JUST ABOUT LIKE *FMSB*
8006 14 30 LMSB FMSB
8007 17 7775 LMSB FMSB
8008 46 40 PUTLP LMSB 0,0-
8009 06 37 PUTLP LMSB C1ATP2S
8010 03 08 ALTO FMSB data request?
8011 26 1C FMSB WRITEIT yes
8012 05 80 ALTO FMSB no, last busy
8013 26 1C FMSB PUTLP1
8014 30 09 FMSB LMSB 0,0-0
8015 03 07 WRITEC FMSB C1ATP2S
8016 20 7C LMSB FMSB
8017 26 37 LMSB FMSB C1ATP2S
8018 05 01 ALTO FMSB 01
8019 27 04 FMSB WRITEIT
8020 06 10 LMSB FMSB 000010000 MUST BE DATA FIELD
8021 20 04 FMSB WRITEIT
8022 06 00 LMSB FMSB
8023 1C 7C FMSB C1C
8024 35 88 FMSB PUTLP1
8025 17 30 WRITEIT STA C1ATP2S
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 \* Drivers for floppy, virtual, and winchester disk  
 \* simultaneously resident in 8080 RAM. Any drive of  
 \* any type can be assigned to 1 of 4 logical disk drives  
 \* by the SET command which is made memory resident.  
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 \* Virtual Disk Memory by Matt Bonfield 6800 Journal Dec 82  
 \*  
 \* Virtual Disk Memory by Robert J. Aronson 15 April 84  
 \*  
 \* Winchester Hard Disk Drivers Added 19 January 85  
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* INITIALIZE DRIVE AT WARMSTART
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EDV 78 C003        J04  WARM  AND RETURN TO PLS WARMSTART ROUTINE

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158 1094 3D MUL
159 1095 C3 005E ADDO #B_STR-MAXLEN
160 1096 BD 14D9 JSR GETSTR
161 1098 CE 076F LDU #ST_BUF
162 109E C6 50 LDB #MAXLEN
163 10A0 BD 152B JSR MOVVAR
164 10A3 8E 156B LDX #SPACE
165 10A6 BD 1529 JSR MOVVAR
166 10A9 CE 076F LDU #ST_BUF
167 10AC 35 10 PULS X
168 10AE BD 13D7 JSR STNG_2
169
170 * 0110 NEXT Y
171
172 10B1 BD 13C6 JSR NEXTY
173 10B4 2D D0 BLT LM_100
174 10B6 26 03 BNE LM_120
175 10B8 5D TSTB
176 10B9 27 CB BEQ LM_100
177
178 * 0120 GOTO 40
179
180 10BB 20 8A LM_120 BRA LM_40
181
182 * 0130 LET Z=X-1
183
184 10BD 9E 08 L_N_130 LDX X_VAR
185 10BF 30 1F LEAX -1,X
186 10C1 9F 0C STX Z_VAR
187
188 * 0140 PRINT CHR$(112);
189
190 10C3 86 0C LM_140 LDA #12
191 10C5 BD 13EC JSR OUTEEE
192
193 * 0150 FOR X=1 TO Z
194
195 10C8 BD 13B2 LM_150 JSR X_12_Z
196
197 * 0160 PRINT B$(X)
198
199 10CB BD 1442 LM_160 JSR SETBUF
200 10CE D4 09 LDB X_VAR+1
201 10D0 86 50 LDA #MAXLEN
202 10D2 3D MUL
203 10D3 C3 005E ADDO #B_STR-MAXLEN
204 10D6 BD 1409 JSR GETSTR
205 10D9 C6 50 LDB #MAXLEN
206 10DB BD 1479 JSR MOVSTI
207 10DE BD 1453 JSR PST_CR
208
209 * 0170 PRINT C$(X)
210
211 10E1 BD 1442 JSR SETBUF
212 10E4 D4 09 LDB X_VAR+1

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213 10E6 86 50 LDA #MAXLEN
214 10E8 3D MUL
215 10E9 C3 037E ADDO #C_STR-MAXLEN
216 10EC BD 14D9 JSR GETSTR
217 10EF C6 50 LDB #MAXLEN
218 10F1 BD 1479 JSR MOVSTI
219 10F4 BD 1453 JSR PST_CR
220
221 * 0180 PRINT
222
223 10F7 BD 1455 JSR PCRLF
224
225 * 0190 NEXT X
226
227 10FA BD 13BC JSR NEXTX
228 10FD 2D CC BLT LM_160
229 10FF 26 03 BNE LM_200
230 1101 5D TSTB
231 1102 27 C7 BEQ LM_160
232
233 * 0200 PRINT
234
235 1104 BD 1455 LM_200 JSR PCRLF
236
237 * 0210 INPUT BUF3
238
239 1107 BD 13EF JSR INPUT
240
241 * 0220 IF BUF3="STOP" THEN 600
242
243 110A 8E 04EE LDX #IO_BUF
244 110D CE 076F LDU #ST_BUF
245 1110 BD 1529 JSR MOVVAR
246 1113 BD 1546 JSR EQUALS
247 1116 DF 04 STU X_TEMP
248 1118 8E 156D LDX #STOP
249 111B BD 1529 JSR MOVVAR
250 111E 8E 076F LDX #ST_BUF
251 1121 BD 154A JSR IF
252 1124 1025 0240 LBDS LM_600
253
254 * 0230 IF BUF3="RESET" THEN 440
255
256 1128 8E 04EE LDX #IO_BUF
257 112B CE 076F LDU #ST_BUF
258 112E BD 1529 JSR MOVVAR
259 1131 BD 1546 JSR EQUALS
260 1134 DF 04 STU X_TEMP
261
262 1136 8E 1572 LDX #RESET
263 1139 BD 1529 JSR MOVVAR
264 113C 8E 076F LDX #ST_BUF
265 113F BD 154A JSR IF
266 1142 1025 013F LBDS LM_440
267
268 * LET D$=BUF3
269
270 1146 CE 04EE LDU #IO_BUF
271 1149 8E 000E LDX #D_STR
272 114C BD 13D7 JSR STNG_2
273
274 * 0260 IF MID$(D$,2,1)<>" THEN 380
275
276 114F CE 076F LDU #ST_BUF
277 1152 32 7E LEAS -2,S
278 1154 BD 14DE JSR NOT_EQ
279 1157 8E 000E LDX #D_STR
280 115A C6 50 LDB #MAXLEN
281 115C BD 152B JSR MOVVAR
282 115F C6 02 LDB #2
283 1161 34 04 PSHS B
284 1163 C6 01 LDB #1
285 1165 35 02 PULS A
286 1167 BD 14F6 JSR MID
287 116A 8E 076F LDX #ST_BUF
288 116D BD 1546 JSR EQUALS
289 1170 DF 04 STU X_TEMP
290 1172 8E 1578 LDX #EQUAL
291 1175 BD 1529 JSR MOVVAR
292 1178 8E 076F LDX #ST_BUF
293 117B BD 154A JSR IF
294 117E 1024 00D6 LBCC LM_380
295
296 * 0270 FOR X=1 TO Z
297
298 1182 BD 13B2 JSR X_12_Z

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471 12B0 BD 130C JSR BEXTX
472 12B8 2D CB BLT LM_450
473 12BD 24 03 BNE LM_510
474 12BF 5D TSTB
475 12C0 27 C6 BEQ LM_450
476
477 * 0510 GOTO 140
478
479 12C2 7E 10C3 LM_510 JMP LM_140
480
481 * 0520 LET DS="--
482
483 12C5 0E 000E LM_520 LDX #D_STR
484 13C8 BD 130C JSR STNG20
485
486 * 0530 FOR Y=1 TO LEN(C$(X1))
487
488 12CB BD 1391 JSR Y_CDX
489
490 * 0540 LET DS=DS+MID$(C$(X1),Y,1)
491
492 12CE 0E 000E LM_540 LDX #D_STR
493 12D1 CE 076F LDU #ST_BUF
494 12D4 C6 50 LDB #MAXLEN
495 12D6 BD 152B JSR MOVVR1
496 12D9 32 7E LEAS -2,S
497 12DB 80 14DE JSR NOT_EQ
498 12DE D6 09 LDB X_VAR+1
499 12E0 86 50 LDA #MAXLEN
500 12E2 3D MUL
501 12E3 C3 037E ADDD #C_STR-MAXLEN
502 12E6 BD 14D9 JSR GETSTR
503 12E9 C6 50 LDB #MAXLEN
504 12EB BD 152B JSR MOVVR1
505 12EE D6 08 LDB Y_VAR+1
506 12F0 34 04 PSHS B
507 12F2 C6 01 LDB #1
508 12F4 35 02 PULS A
509 12F6 BD 14F6 JSR MID
510 12F9 CE 076F LDU #ST_BUF
511 12FC 8E 000E LDX #D_STR
512 12FF BD 13D7 JSR STNG_2
513
514 * 0550 LET DS=DS+" "
515
516 1302 BD 74 BSR DD_SPC
517
518 * 0560 IF MID$(DS,LEN(DS)-1,1)<>" " THEN 570
519
520 1304 CE 076F LDU #ST_BUF
521 1307 32 7E LEAS -2,S
522 1309 BD 14DE JSR NOT_EQ
523 130C 8E 000E LDX #D_STR
524 130F C6 50 LDB #MAXLEN
525 1311 BD 152B JSR MOVVR1
526 1314 32 7E LEAS -2,S
527 1316 BD 14DE JSR NOT_EQ
528 1319 8E 000E LDX #D_STR
529 131C C6 50 LDB #MAXLEN
530 131E BD 152B JSR MOVVR1
531 1321 AE E4 LDX 0,S
532 1323 BD 14E1 JSR LEN
533 1326 BD 151D JSR RIGHT
534 1329 83 0001 SUBD #S0001
535 132C 34 04 PSHS B
536 132E C6 01 LDB #1
537 1330 35 02 PULS A
538 1332 BD 14F6 JSR MID
539 1335 8E 076F LDX #ST_BUF
540 1338 BD 1544 JSR EQDALS
541 133B DF 04 STU X_TEMP
542 133D 8E 1568 LDX #SPACE
543 1340 BD 1529 JSR MOVVAR
544 1343 8E 076F LDX #ST_BUF
545 1346 BD 154A JSR IF
546 1349 24 02 BEQ LM_570
547
548 * 0565 LET DS=DS+" "
549
550 134B BD 28 BSR DD_SPC
551
552 * 0570 NEXT Y
553
554 134D BD 77 LM_570 BSR NEXTY
555 134F 102D FF7B BLT LM_540

556 1353 26 05 BNE LM_580
557 1355 5D TSTB
558 1356 1027 FF74 LBEQ LM_540
559
560 * 0580 LET C$(X)=DS
561
562 135A D6 09 LM_580 LDB X_VAR+1
563 135C 86 50 LDA #MAXLEN
564 135E 3D MUL
565 135F C3 037E ADDD #C_STR-MAXLEN
566 1362 8E 000E LDX #D_STR
567 1365 BD 6C BSR STNG_1
568
569 * 0590 RETURN
570
571 1367 39 RTS
572
573 * 0600 STOP
574
575 1368 7E CD03 LM_600 JMP WARMS
576
577 * Start of run-time package
578
579 136B D6 09 LBDX LDB X_VAR+1
580 136D 86 50 LDA #MAXLEN
581 136F 3D MUL
582 1370 C3 005E ADDD #B_STR-MAXLEN
583 1373 8E 005E LDX #E_STR
584 1376 2D 5B BRA STNG_1
585
586 1378 8E 000E DD_SPC LDX #D_STR
587 137B CE 076F LDU #ST_BUF
588 137E C6 50 LDB #MAXLEN
589 1380 BD 152B JSR MOVVR1
590 1383 8E 1568 LDX #SPACE
591 1386 BD 1529 JSR MOVVAR
592 1389 CE 076F LDU #ST_BUF
593 138C 8E 000E LDX #D_STR
594 138F 2D 46 BRA STNG_2
595
596 1391 CC 0001 Y_CDX LDD #1
597 1394 D0 0A STD Y_VAR
598 1396 D6 09 LDB X_VAR+1
599 1398 86 50 LDA #MAXLEN
600 139A 3D MUL
601 139B C3 037E ADDD #C_STR-MAXLEN
602 139E BD 14D9 JSR GETSTR
603 13A1 CE 076F LDU #ST_BUF
604 13A4 C6 50 LDB #MAXLEN
605 13A6 BD 152B JSR MOVVR1
606 13A9 8E 076F LDX #ST_BUF
607 13AC BD 14E1 JSR LEN
608 13AF DD 02 STD NEXT_Y
609 13B1 39 RTS
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611 13B2 CC 0001 X_12_Z LDD #1
612 13B5 DD 08 STD X_VAR
613 13B7 DC 0C LDD Z_VAR
614 13B9 DD 00 STD NEXT_X
615 13BB 39 RTS
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617 13BC DC 08 NEXTX LDD X_VAR
618 13BE C3 0001 ADDD #S0001
619 13C1 DD 08 STD X_VAR
620 13C3 93 00 SUBD NEXT_X
621 13C5 39 RTS
622
623 13C6 DC 0A NEXTY LDD Y_VAR
624 13C8 C3 0001 ADDD #S0001
625 13CB DD 0A STD Y_VAR
626 13CD 93 02 SUBD NEXT_Y
627 13CF 39 RTS
628
629 13D0 8E 156C STNG_0 LDX #ZERO
630 13D3 1F 13 STNG_1 TFR X,0
631 13D5 1F 03 TFR 0,X
632 13D7 C6 50 STNG_2 LDB #MAXLEN
633 13D9 7E 145C JMP LET
634
635 13DC CE 156C STNG20 LDU #ZERO
636 13DF 2D F6 BRA STNG_2
637
638 13E1 A6 80 PDATA1 LDA 0,X+
639 13E3 81 04 CMPA #4
640 13E5 26 01 BNE PDATA
641 13E7 39 RTS

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        blo rdfull don't have it
        tfr d,y length to Y
        ldx endpt,U buffer address
        lda 0,s path
        OS9 ISREADLN read a line
        bcs rdret EOF or error
    *
        tfr y,d actual length to 0
        leax d,x point past line just read
        bra rd10 and read some more
    *
    rdfull clrb clear carry
    rdret puls e,pc return
    *
    * Write buffer to output file
    * Input: A = path number, X = buffer address
    * Output: carry clear if all OK
    *         carry set, B = error code if error
    *
    writelt paha a save path number
    wr10    atx outpt,U save buffer pointer
            ldd endpt,U
            subd outpt,U done yet?
            bla wrdone yes
    *
        tfr d,y (max) length to Y
        lda 0,s path number
        OS9 ISWRITLN write a line
        bcs wrret exit if error
    *
        tfr y,d actual length to 0
        leax d,x point past line just written
        bra wr10
    *
    wrdone clra all OK
    wrret puls e,pc return
            emod
    modex equ * end of program
            end

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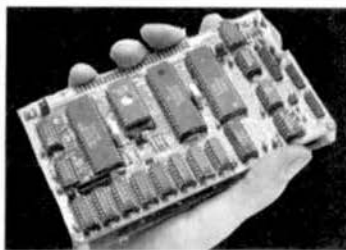
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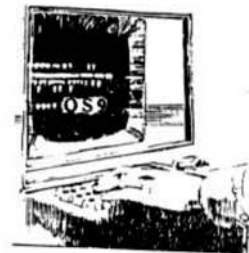


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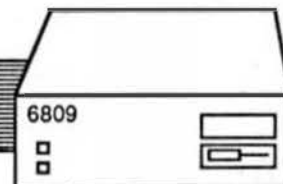
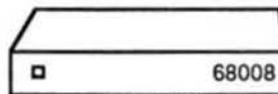
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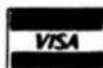
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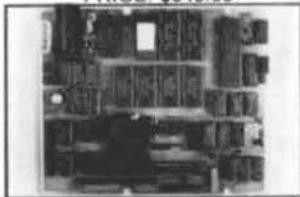
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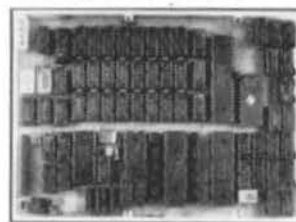
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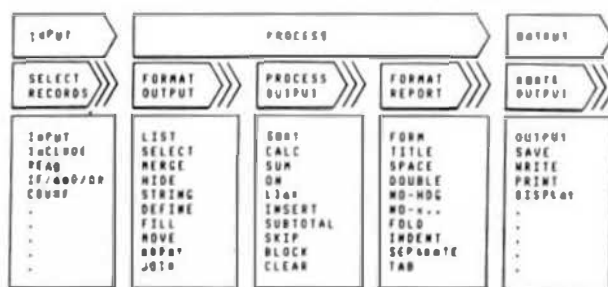
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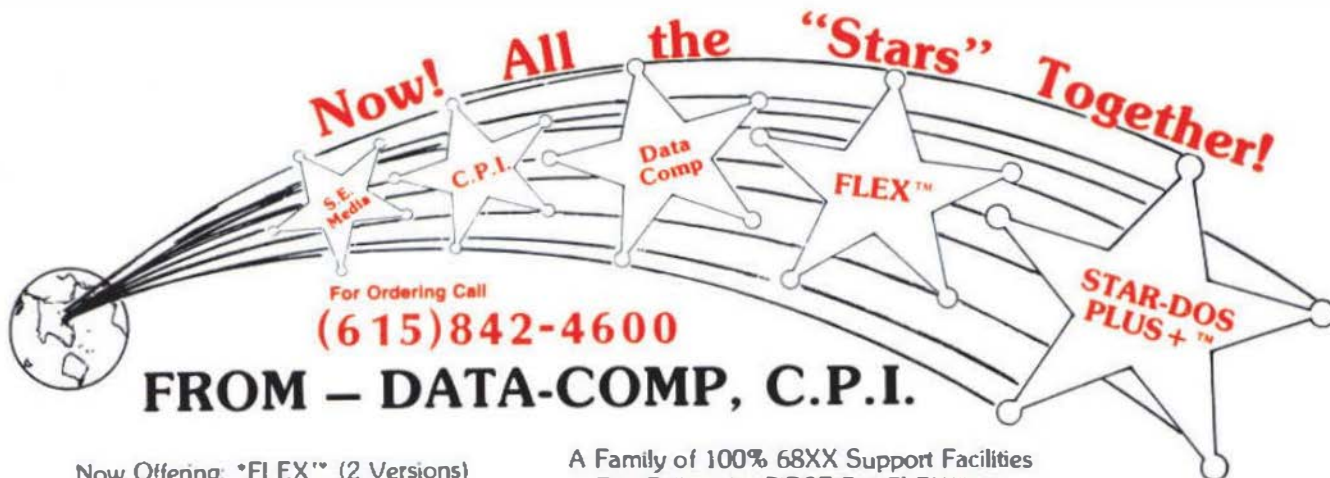
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